

# THE BLESSINGS AT THE END OF MASS AND THE PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

## SOLEMN BLESSINGS

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The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, says the invitation: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. Then the Priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing, with all responding: Amen.

### **I. For Celebration in the Different Liturgical Times**

#### **1. Advent**

May the almighty and merciful God,  
whose Only Begotten Son's first coming you believe  
and whose future coming you now await,  
make you holy by the radiance of Christ's Advent  
and enrich you with his blessing.

R/. Amen.

As you run the race of this present life,  
may he make you firm in faith,  
joyful in hope  
and active in charity.

R/. Amen.

And may you who now rejoice with devotion  
at our Redeemer's coming in the flesh,  
be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life  
when he comes again in majesty.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 2. The Nativity of the Lord

May the God of infinite goodness,  
who by the Incarnation of his Son  
has driven darkness from the world  
and by that glorious Birth  
has illumined this most holy night (day),  
drive far from you the darkness of vice  
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

R/. Amen.

May God, who willed that the great joy  
of his Son's saving Birth  
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,  
fill your minds with the gladness he gives  
and make you heralds of his Gospel.

R/. Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation  
brought together the earthly and heavenly realms,  
fill you with the gift of his peace and goodwill  
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 3. The Beginning of the Year

May God, the source and origin of all blessing,  
grant you grace,  
pour out his blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

R/. Amen.

May he keep safe your integrity in the faith,  
and give you endurance in hope,  
and perseverance in charity  
with holy patience to the end.

R/. Amen.

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,  
grant the prayers you make  
in this and in every place,  
and lead you happily to eternal life.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

#### 4. The Epiphany of the Lord

May God, who has called you  
out of darkness into his wonderful light,  
pour out in kindness his blessing upon you  
and make your hearts firm  
in faith, hope and charity.

R/. Amen.

And since in all confidence you follow Christ,  
who today appeared in the world  
as a light shining in darkness,  
may God make you, too,  
a light for your brothers and sisters.

R/. Amen.

And so when your pilgrimage is ended,  
may you come to him  
whom the Magi sought as they followed the star  
and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light,  
who is Christ the Lord.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 5. The Passion of the Lord

May God, the Father of mercies,  
who has given you an example of love  
in the Passion of his Only Begotten Son,  
grant that, by serving God and your neighbor,  
you may lay hold of the wondrous gift of his blessing.

R/. Amen.

May you receive the reward of everlasting life  
from him, through whose earthly death  
you believe that you escape eternal death.

R/. Amen.

And by following the example  
of his self-abasement,  
may you possess a share in his Resurrection.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 6. Easter Time

May God, who by the Resurrection  
of his Only Begotten Son  
was pleased to confer on you  
the gift of redemption and of adoption,  
give you gladness by his blessing.

R/. Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work  
you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,  
make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

R/. Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ  
in Baptism through faith,  
by living in a right manner on this earth,  
be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

7. The Ascension of the Lord

May almighty God bless you,  
for his Only Begotten Son  
pierced the heights of heaven on this very day  
and unlocked for you the way  
to ascend to where he is.

R/. Amen.

May he grant that,  
as the Risen Christ was seen plainly by his disciples,  
so Christ the Judge may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.

R/. Amen.

And may you, who believe he is seated  
with the Father in his majesty,  
know with joy the fulfillment of his promise  
to remain with you until the end of time.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 8. The Holy Spirit

May God, the Father of light,  
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds  
by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,  
grant you gladness by his blessing  
and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.

R/. Amen.

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,  
powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil  
and pervade them with its purifying light.

R/. Amen.

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues  
in the profession of one faith,  
give you perseverance in that same faith  
and grant that by believing  
you may journey from hope to clear vision.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 9. Ordinary Time I

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

R/. Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you  
and show you his mercy.

R/. Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you  
and give you his peace.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 10. Ordinary Time II

May the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 11. Ordinary Time III

May almighty God bless you in his kindness  
and pour out saving wisdom upon you.

R/. Amen.

May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith  
and make you persevere in holy deeds.

R/. Amen.

May he turn your steps towards himself  
and show you the path of charity and peace.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## 12. Ordinary Time IV

May the God of all consolation  
order your days in his peace  
and grant you the gifts of his blessing.

R/. Amen.

May he free you always from every distress  
and confirm your hearts in his love.

R/. Amen.

So that on this life's journey  
you may be effective in good works,  
rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity,  
and come happily to eternal life.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

### 13. Ordinary Time V

May almighty God always keep every adversity far from you  
and in his kindness pour out upon you the gifts of his blessing.

R/. Amen.

May God keep your hearts attentive to his words,  
that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.

R/. Amen.

And so may you always understand what is good and right,  
and be found ever hastening along  
in the path of God's commands,  
and be found coheirs with the citizens of heaven.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

### 14. Ordinary Time VI

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,  
make you always holy and pure in his sight,  
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory  
and teach you with the words of truth;  
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,  
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.



And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## II. For Celebrations of the Saints

### 15. The Blessed Virgin Mary

May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
willed in his kindness to redeem the human race,  
be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.

R/. Amen.

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her,  
through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.

R/. Amen.

May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day,  
carry away with you the gift of spiritual joys  
and of heavenly rewards.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

### 16. Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

May almighty God bless you,  
he who has made you steadfast in Saint Peter's saving confession  
and through it has set you on the solid rock of the Church's faith.

R/. Amen.

And may God, who has instructed you  
by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,  
teach you constantly by his example  
to win brothers and sisters for Christ.

R/. Amen.

So that by the keys of St. Peter and the words of St. Paul,  
and by the help of their intercession,  
God may bring us happily to that homeland  
that Peter attained on a cross  
and Paul by the blade of a sword.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

17. The Apostles

May God, who has granted you  
to stand firm on apostolic foundations,  
graciously bless you through the glorious merits  
of the holy Apostles N. and N. (the holy Apostle N.).

R/. Amen.

And may he who endowed you  
with the teaching and example of the Apostles,  
make you, under their protection,  
witnesses to the truth before all.

R/. Amen.

Through the intercession of the Apostles,  
may you inherit the eternal homeland  
for by their teaching you possess firmness of faith.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

18. All Saints

May God, the glory and joy of the Saints,  
who has caused you to be strengthened  
by means of their outstanding prayers,  
bless you with unending blessings.

R/. Amen.

Freed through their intercession from present ills  
and formed by the example of their holy way of life,  
may you be ever devoted  
to serving God and your neighbor.

R/. Amen.

So that, together with them all  
you may possess the joys of the homeland,  
where Holy Church rejoices  
and her children are admitted in perpetual peace  
to the company of the citizens of heaven.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

### III. Other Blessings

#### 19. For the Dedication of a Church

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,  
who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church,  
make you abound in heavenly blessings.

R/. Amen.

And may he who has willed that all his scattered children  
be gathered together in his Son,  
grant that you may become his temple  
and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

May you be made thoroughly clean,  
so that God may dwell within you  
and you may possess with all the Saints  
the inheritance of eternal happiness.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

#### 20. In Celebrations for the Dead

May the God of all consolation bless you,  
for in his wondrous goodness he created the human race,  
and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son  
he has given believers the hope of rising again.

R/. Amen.

To us who are alive may God grant pardon for our sins  
and to all the dead a place of light and peace.

R/. Amen.

So may we all live for ever happy with Christ,  
whom we believe truly rose from the dead.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

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After the prayer, the Priest always adds: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you for ever. R/. Amen.

1. Be gracious to your people, O Lord,  
and do not withhold consolation on earth  
from those you call to strive for heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.
2. Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that the Christian people  
may understand the truths they profess  
and love the heavenly liturgy  
in which they participate.  
Through Christ our Lord.
3. May your people receive your holy blessing,  
O Lord, we pray,  
and by that gift spurn all that would harm them  
and obtain what they desire.  
Through Christ our Lord.
4. Turn your people to you,  
we pray, O Lord, with all their heart,  
for you protect even those who go astray,  
but when they serve you with undivided heart,  
you sustain them with still greater care.  
Through Christ our Lord.
5. Graciously enlighten your family, O Lord, we pray,  
that by holding fast to what is pleasing to you,  
they may be worthy to accomplish all that is good.  
Through Christ our Lord.

6. Bestow pardon and peace, O Lord, we pray,  
upon your faithful,  
that they may be cleansed from every offense  
and serve you with untroubled hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.
7. May your heavenly favor, O Lord, we pray,  
increase in number the people subject to you  
and make them always obedient to your commands.  
Through Christ our Lord.
8. Be propitious to your people, O God,  
that, freed from every evil,  
they may serve you with all their heart  
and ever stand firm under your protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.
9. May your family always rejoice together, O God,  
over the mysteries of redemption it has celebrated,  
and grant it the perseverance  
to attain the effects that flow from them.  
Through Christ our Lord.
10. Lord God, from the abundance of your mercies  
provide for your servants and ensure their safety,  
so that, strengthened by your blessings,  
they may at all times abound in thanksgiving  
and bless you with unending exultation.  
Through Christ our Lord.
11. Keep your family, we pray, O Lord,  
in your constant care,  
so that, under your protection,  
it may be free from all troubles  
and by good works show dedication to your name.  
Through Christ our Lord.
12. Purify your faithful, both in body and in mind,  
O Lord, we pray,  
so that, feeling the compunction you inspire,  
they may be able to avoid harmful pleasures  
and ever feed upon your delights.  
Through Christ our Lord.

13. May the effects of your sacred blessing, O Lord,  
make themselves felt among your faithful  
to prepare with spiritual sustenance the minds of all,  
that they may be strengthened by the power of your love  
to carry out works of charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.
14. Your faithful entreat your help, O Lord,  
for their hearts submit to your name,  
and since without you they can do nothing that is just,  
grant by your abundant mercy,  
that they may both know what is right  
and receive all that they need for their good.  
Through Christ our Lord.
15. Hasten, O Lord, we pray,  
to the aid of your faithful people who call upon you,  
and graciously give strength in their human weakness,  
so that, being dedicated to you in complete sincerity,  
they may rejoice in your help  
both now and in the life to come.  
Through Christ our Lord.
16. Look with favor on your family, O Lord,  
and bestow your endless mercy on those who seek it:  
and just as without it  
they can do nothing truly worthy of you,  
so through it  
may they merit to obey your saving commands.  
Through Christ our Lord.
17. Bestow an increase of heavenly grace  
on your faithful, O Lord;  
may they praise you with their lips,  
with their souls, with their lives;  
and since it is by your gift that we exist,  
may our whole lives be yours.  
Through Christ our Lord.

18. Direct your people, O Lord, we pray,  
with heavenly instruction,  
that by avoiding every evil  
and pursuing all that is good,  
they may earn not your anger  
but your unending mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.
19. Be near to those who call on you, O Lord,  
and graciously grant your protection  
to all who place their hope in your mercy,  
that they may remain faithful in holiness of life  
and having enough for their needs in this world,  
they may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity.  
Through Christ our Lord.
20. Bestow the grace of your kindness  
upon your suppliant people, O Lord,  
that formed by you, their creator,  
and restored by you, their sustainer,  
through your constant action they may be saved.  
Through Christ our Lord.
21. May your faithful people, O Lord, we pray,  
always respond to the promptings of your love  
and, moved by wholesome compunction,  
may they do gladly what you command,  
so as to receive the things you promise.  
Through Christ our Lord.
22. May the weakness of your devoted people  
stir your compassion, O Lord, we pray,  
and let their faithful pleading win your mercy,  
that what they do not presume upon by their merits  
they may receive by your generous pardon.  
Through Christ our Lord.
23. In defense of your children, O Lord, we pray,  
stretch forth the right hand of your majesty,  
so that, obeying your fatherly will,  
they may have the unfailing protection  
of your fatherly care.  
Through Christ our Lord.



24. Look, O Lord, on the prayers of your family,  
and grant it the assistance it humbly implores,  
so that, strengthened by the help it needs,  
it may persevere in confessing your name.  
Through Christ our Lord.
25. Keep your family safe, O Lord, we pray,  
and grant it the abundance of your mercies,  
that it may find growth  
through the teachings and the gifts of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.
26. May your faithful people rejoice, we pray, O Lord,  
to be upheld by your right hand,  
and, progressing in the Christian life,  
may they delight in good things  
both now and in the time to come.  
Through Christ our Lord.

On Feasts of Saints

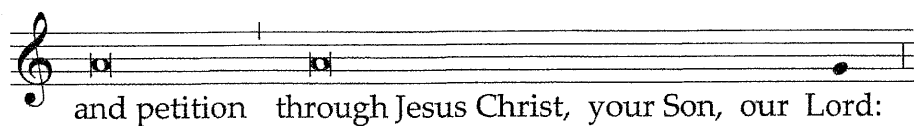
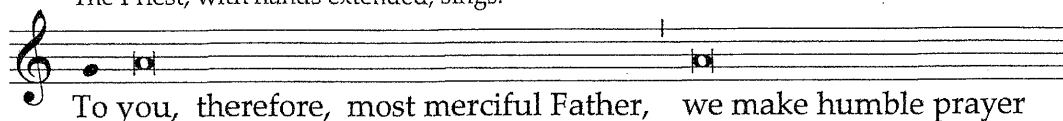
27. May the Christian people exult, O Lord,  
at the glorification of the illustrious members of your Son's Body,  
and may your faithful gain a share in the eternal lot  
of the Saints on whose feast day  
they reaffirm their devotion to you,  
rejoicing with them for ever in your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.
28. Turn the hearts of your people  
always to you, O Lord, we pray,  
and as you give them the help of such great patrons as these,  
grant also your unfailing guidance and protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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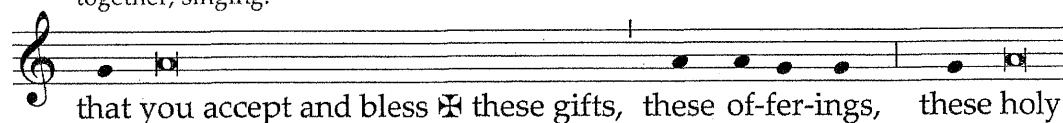


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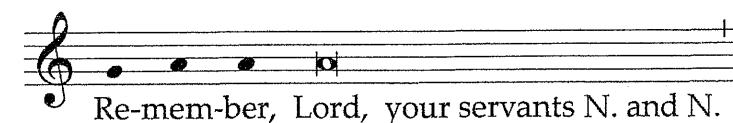
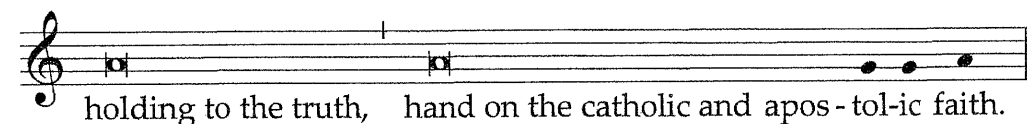
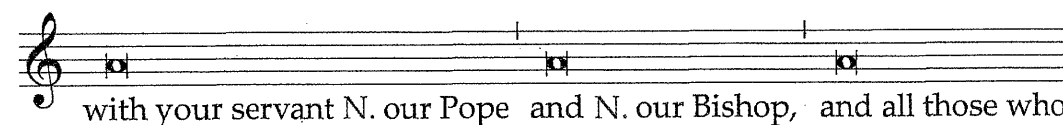
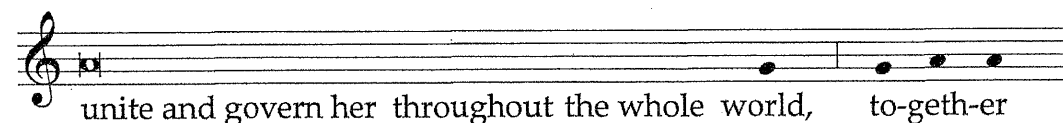
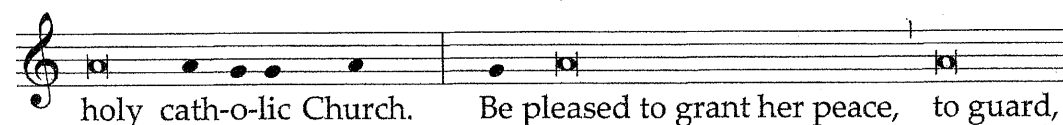
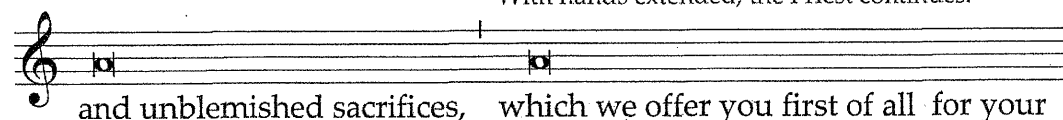
The Priest, with hands extended, sings:



He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, singing:



With hands extended, the Priest continues:



and all gathered here, whose faith and de - vo - tion are known to you.

For them and all who are dear to them we offer you this sacri-

-fice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are

dear to them, for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health

and well-being, and fulfilling their vows to you, the eternal God,

liv - ing and true.

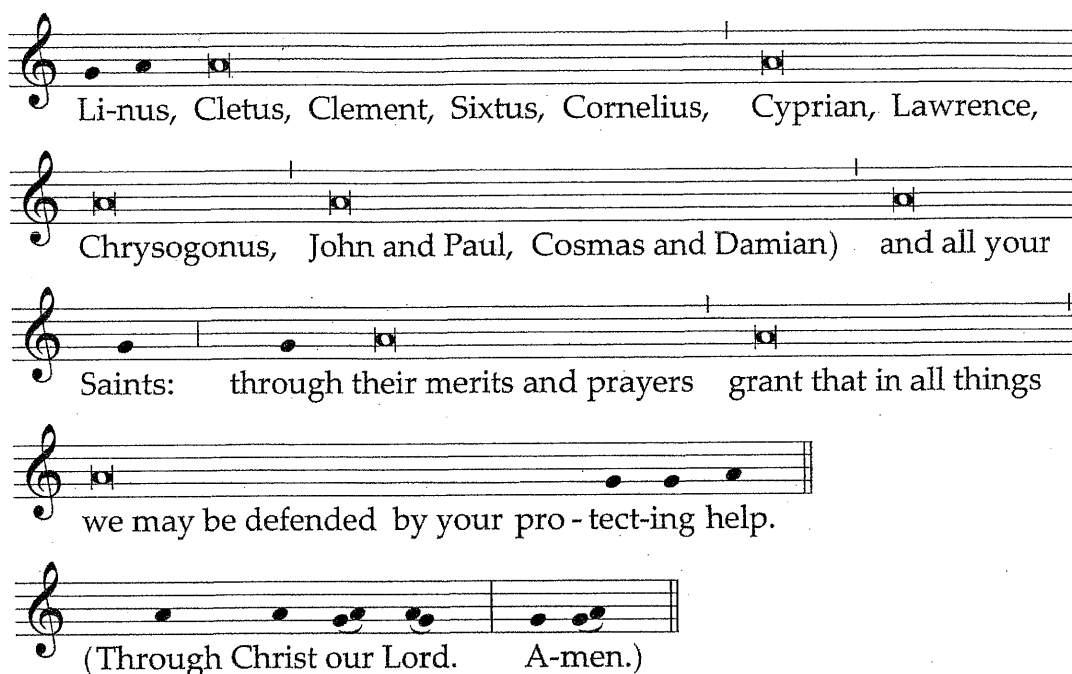
In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially

the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus

Christ, † and blessed Joseph, Spouse of the same Virgin, your bless-

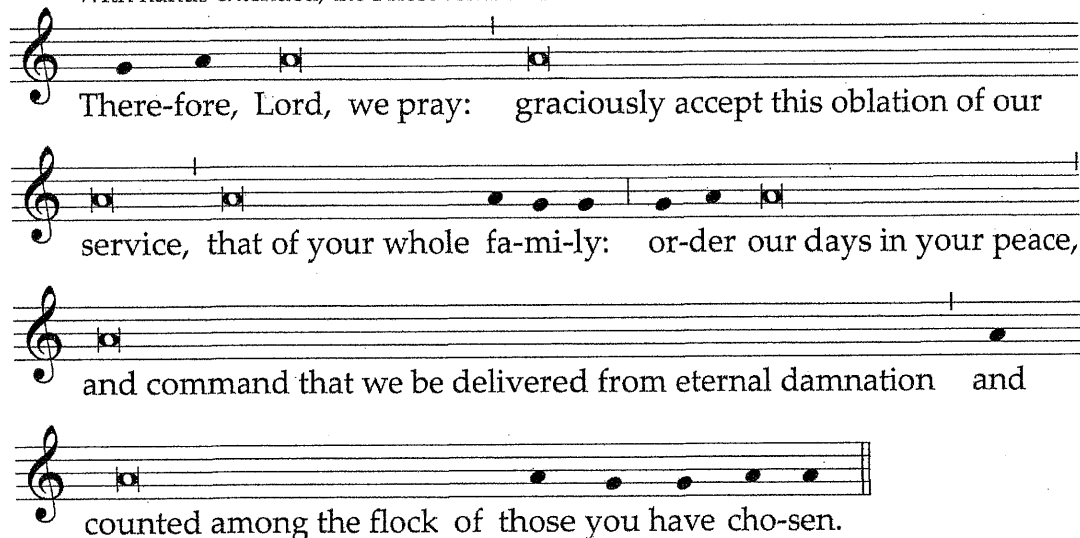
-ed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John,

Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude:



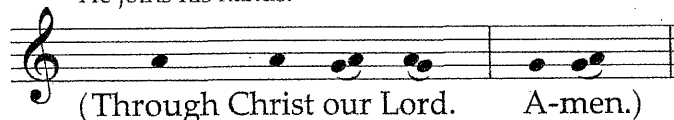
Li-nus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence,  
Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian) and all your  
Saints: through their merits and prayers grant that in all things  
we may be defended by your pro- tect-ing help.  
(Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

With hands extended, the Priest continues:



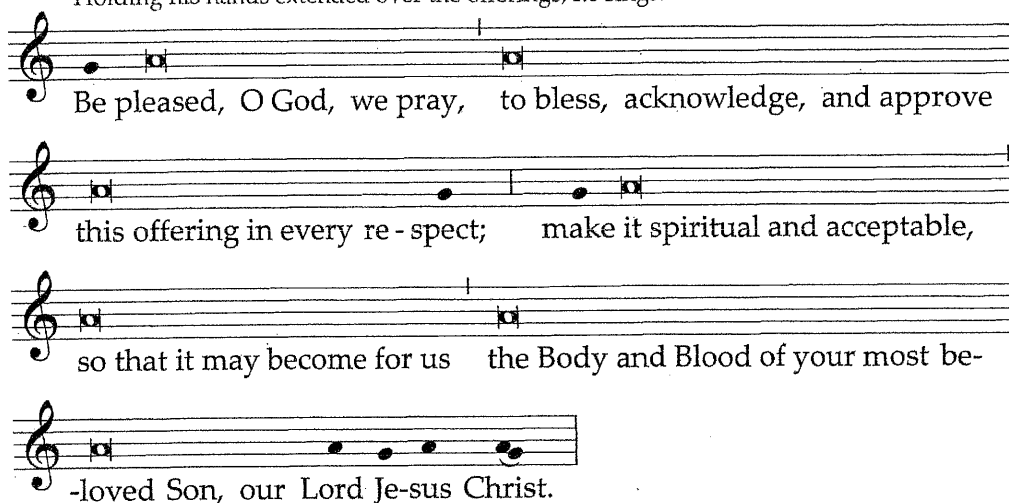
There-fore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our  
service, that of your whole fa-mi-ly: or-der our days in your peace,  
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and  
counted among the flock of those you have cho-sen.

He joins his hands.



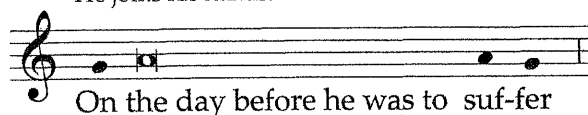
(Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

Holding his hands extended over the offerings, he sings:



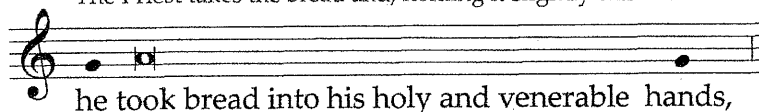
Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve  
this offering in every re - spect; make it spiritual and acceptable,  
so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most be-  
-loved Son, our Lord Je-sus Christ.

He joins his hands.



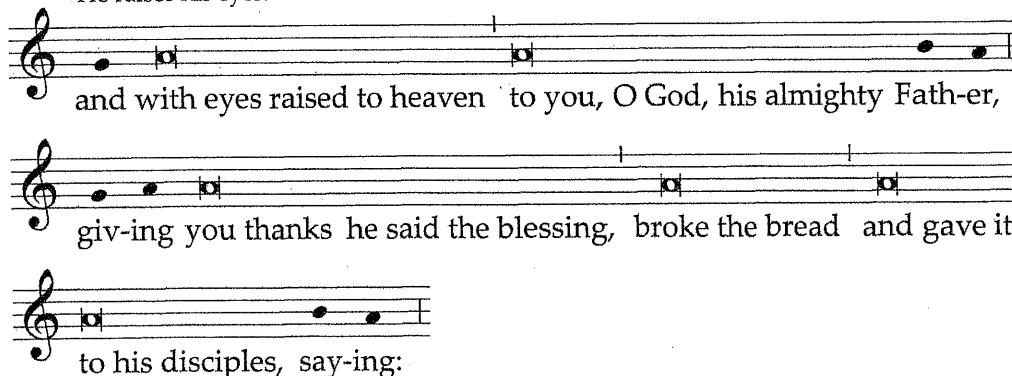
On the day before he was to suf-fer

The Priest takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:



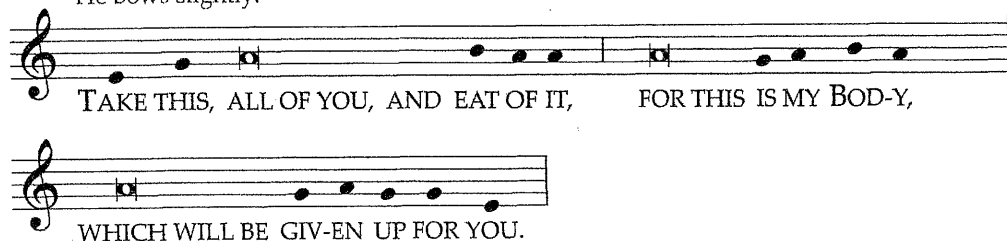
he took bread into his holy and venerable hands,

He raises his eyes.



and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Fath-er,  
giv-ing you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it  
to his disciples, say-ing:

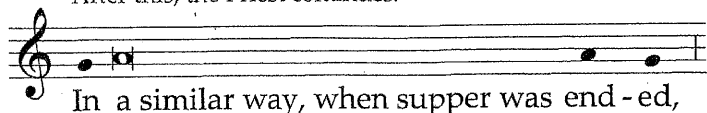
He bows slightly.



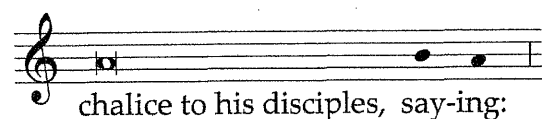
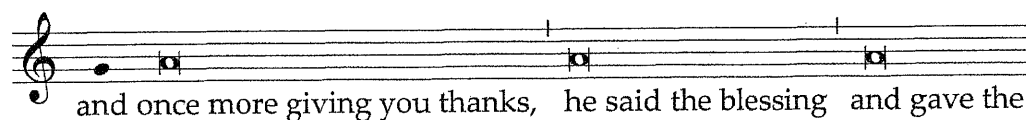
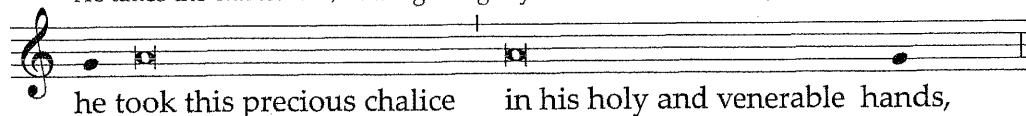
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BOD-Y,  
WHICH WILL BE GIV-EN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

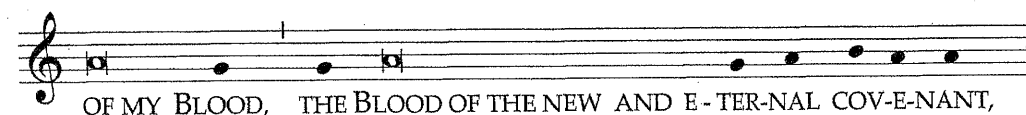
After this, the Priest continues:



He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

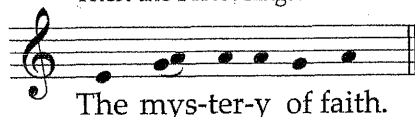


He bows slightly.

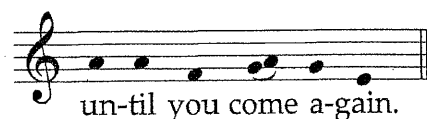
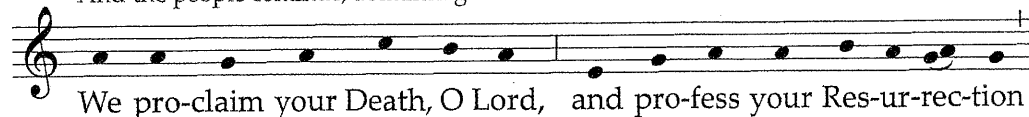


The Priest shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

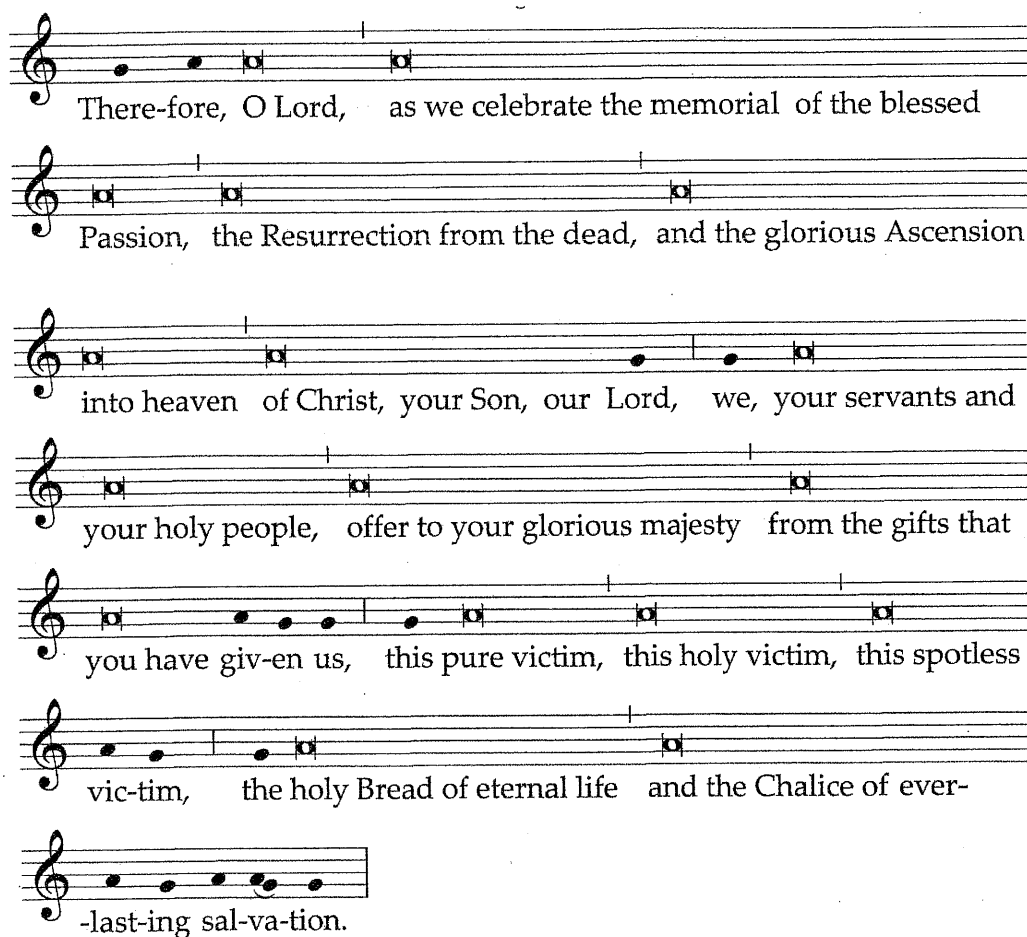
Then the Priest sings:



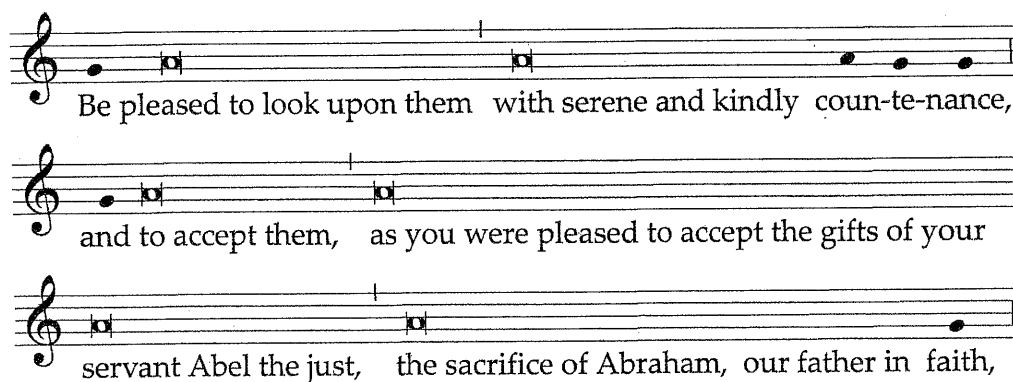
And the people continue, acclaiming:



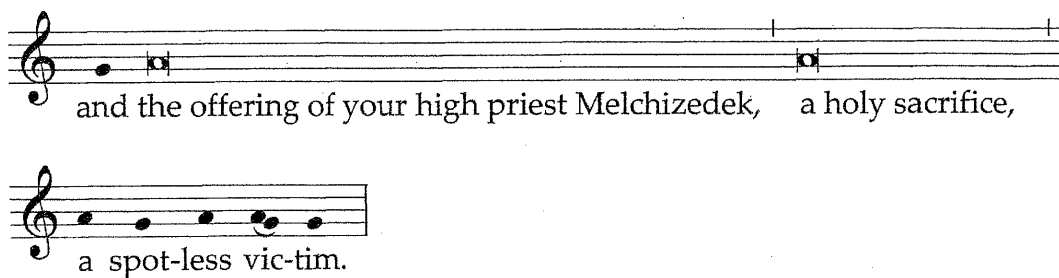




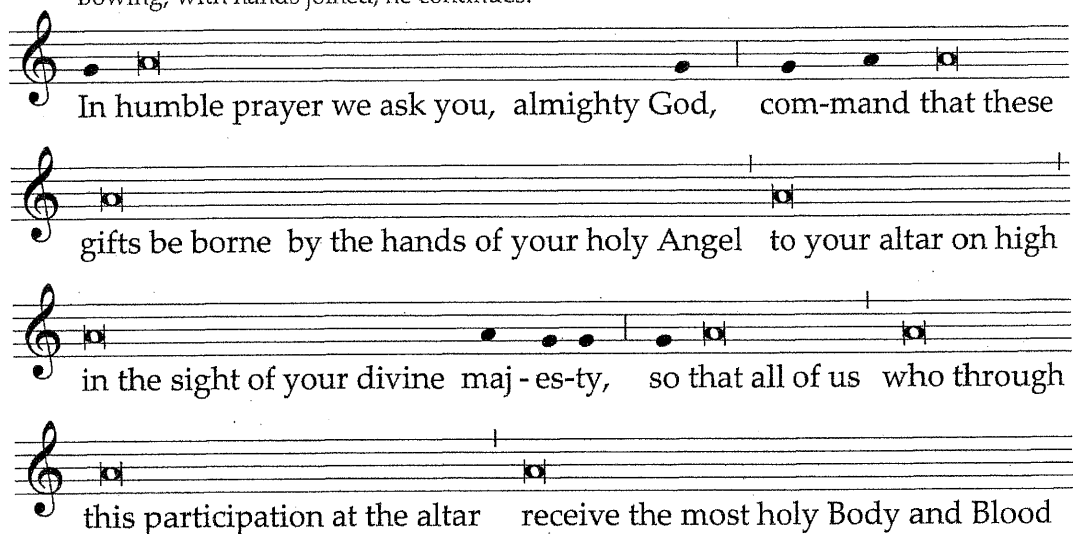
There-fore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed  
Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension  
into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and  
your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that  
you have giv-en us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless  
vic-tim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of ever-  
-last-ing sal-va-tion.



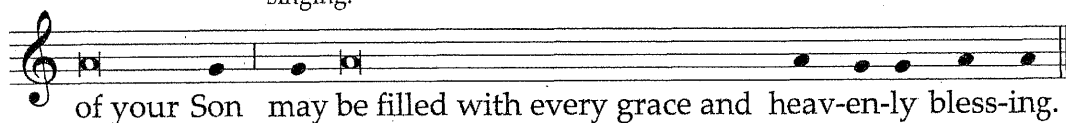
Be pleased to look upon them with serene and kindly coun-te-nance,  
and to accept them, as you were pleased to accept the gifts of your  
servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,



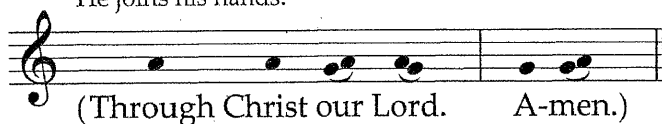
Bowing, with hands joined, he continues:



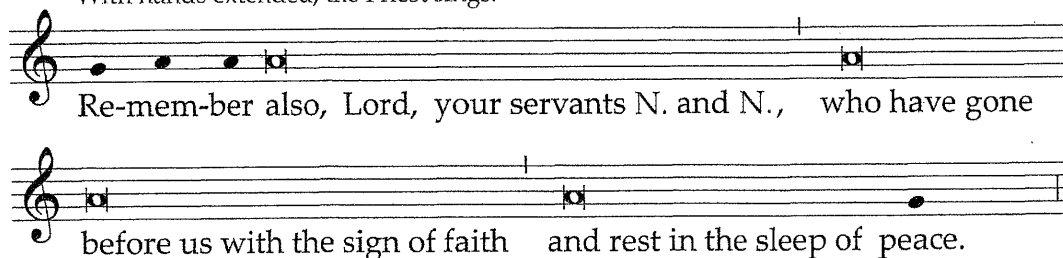
He stands upright again and signs himself with the Sign of the Cross,  
singing:



He joins his hands.

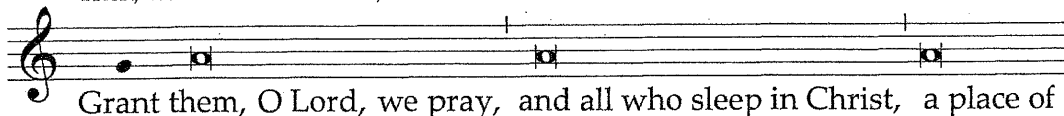


With hands extended, the Priest sings:



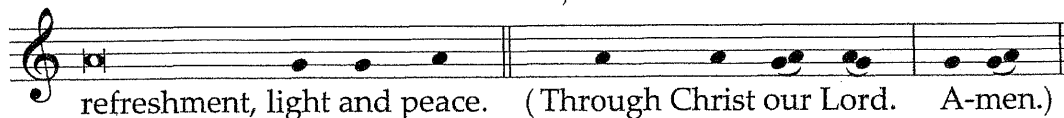
He joins his hands and prays briefly for those who have died and for whom he intends to pray.

Then, with hands extended, he continues:



Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of

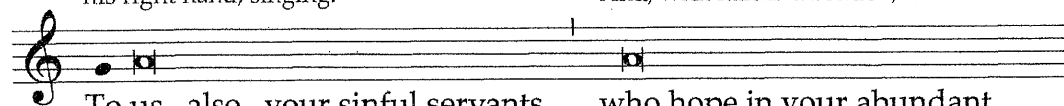
He joins his hands.



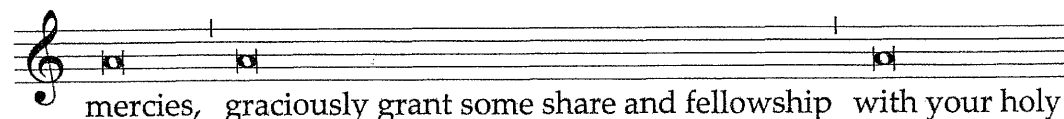
refreshment, light and peace. (Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

He strikes his breast with his right hand, singing:

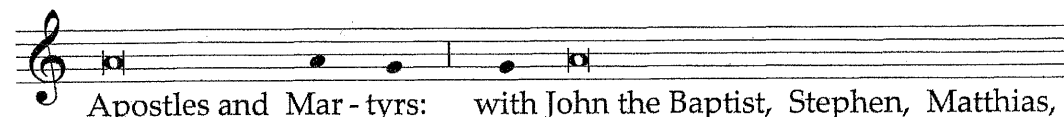
And, with hands extended, he continues:



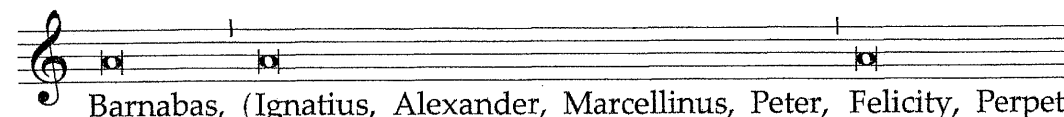
To us, also, your sinful servants, who hope in your abundant



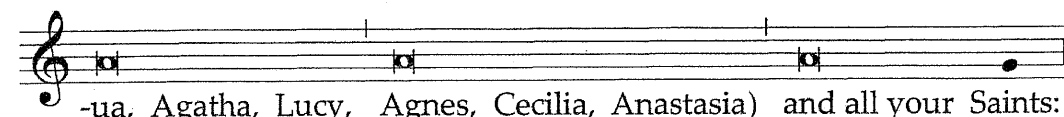
mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy



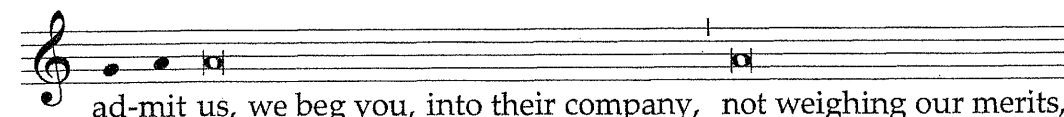
Apostles and Mar - tyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias,



Barnabas, (Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpet-

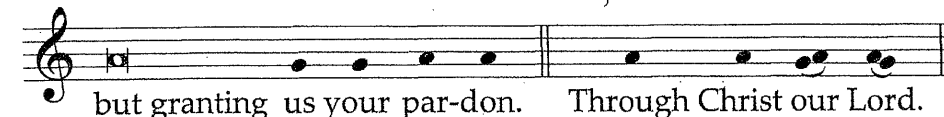


-ua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia) and all your Saints:



ad-mit us, we beg you, into their company, not weighing our merits,

He joins his hands.



but granting us your par-don. Through Christ our Lord.

And he continues:

Through whom you continue to create all these good things, O Lord,  
you make them holy, fill them with life, bless them, and be - stow  
them up-on us

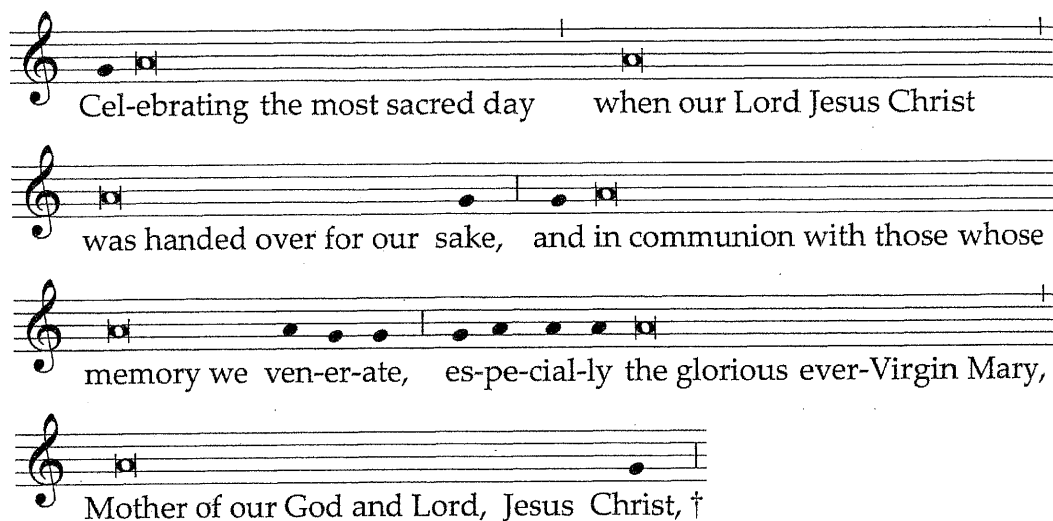
He takes the chalice and the paten with the Host and, elevating both, he sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty  
Father, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it, is all hon-or and glo-ry,  
for ev-er and ev-er. R. A-men.

Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.

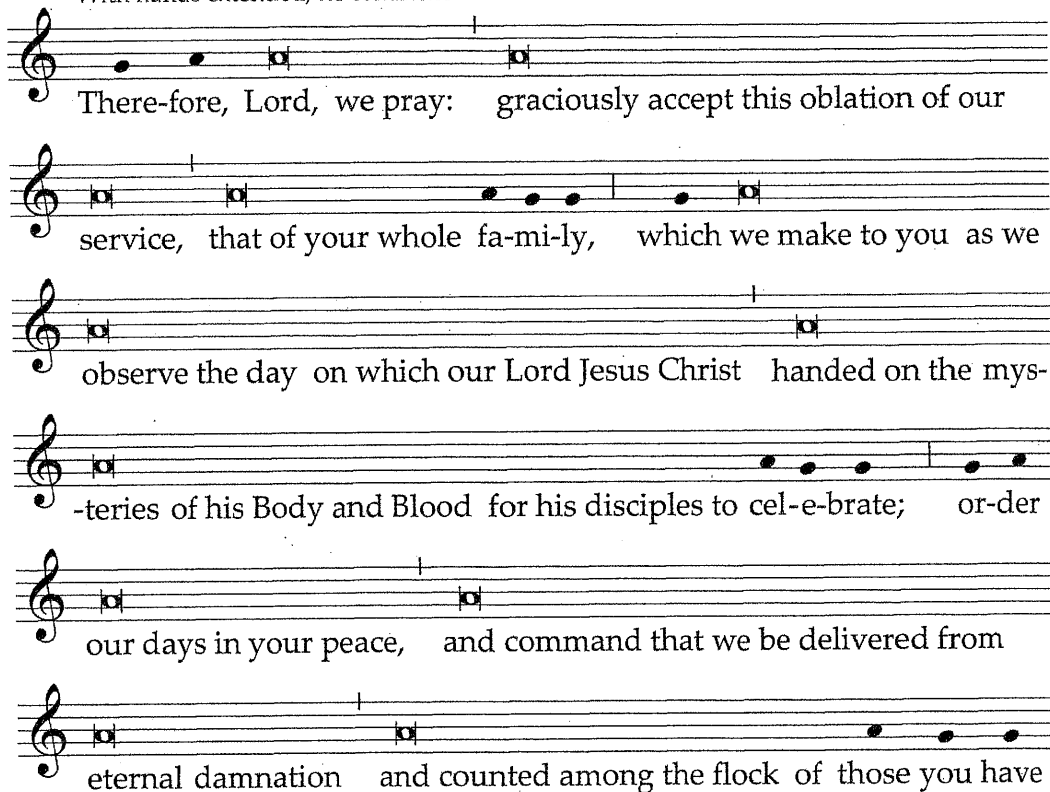


## Thursday of the Lord's Supper



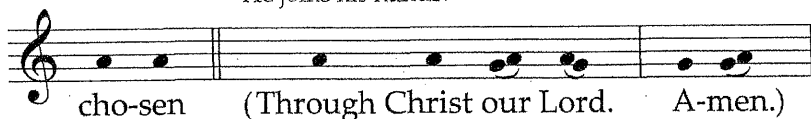
Cel-e-brating the most sacred day when our Lord Jesus Christ  
was handed over for our sake, and in communion with those whose  
memory we ven-er-ate, es-pe-cial-ly the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, †

With hands extended, he continues:

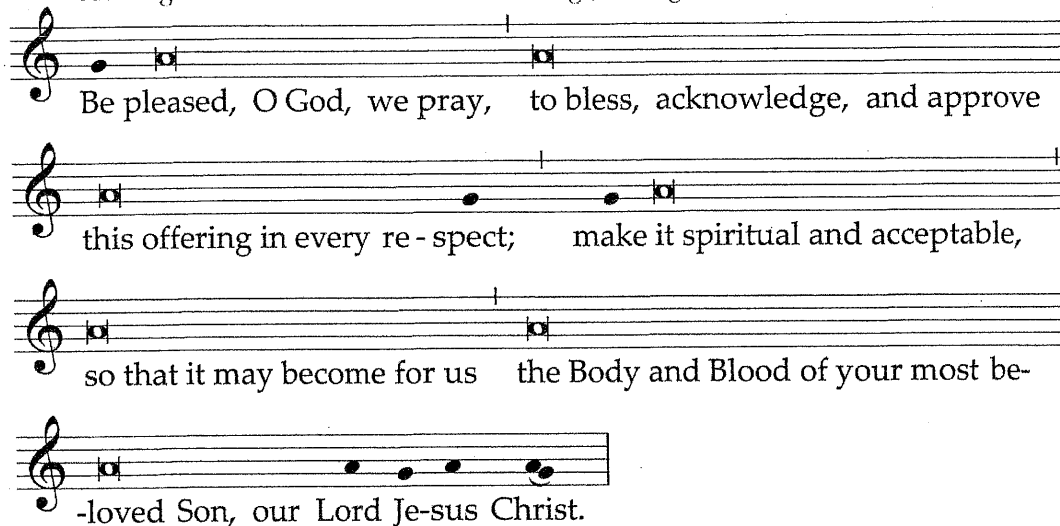


There-fore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our  
service, that of your whole fa-mi-ly, which we make to you as we  
observe the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ handed on the mys-  
-teries of his Body and Blood for his disciples to cel-e-brate; or-der  
our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from  
eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have

He joins his hands.

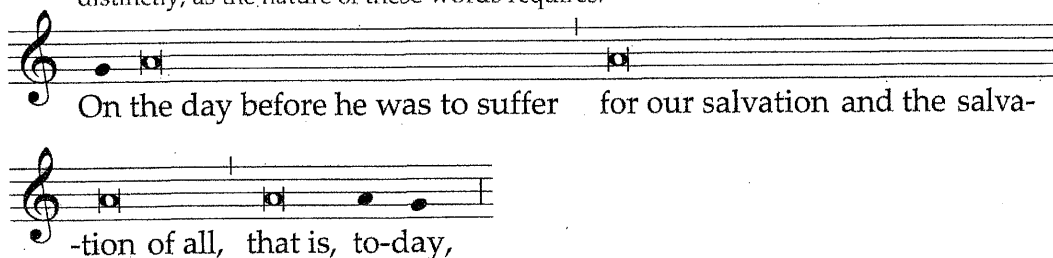


Holding his hands extended over the offerings, he sings:

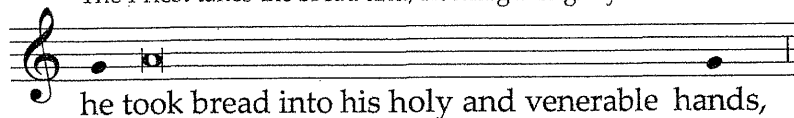


He joins his hands.

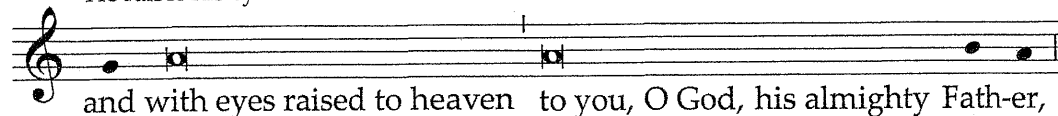
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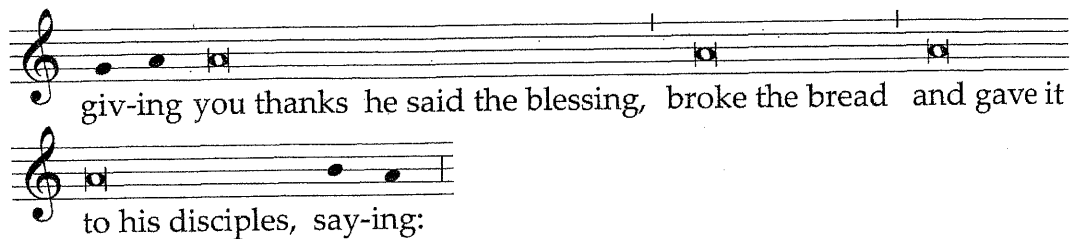


The Priest takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

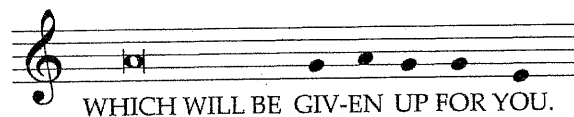
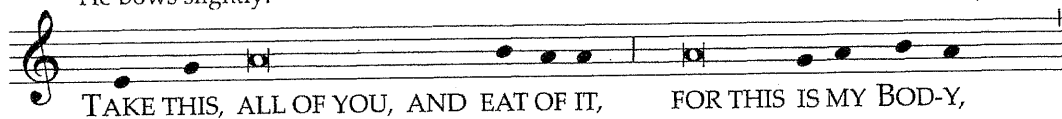


He raises his eyes.



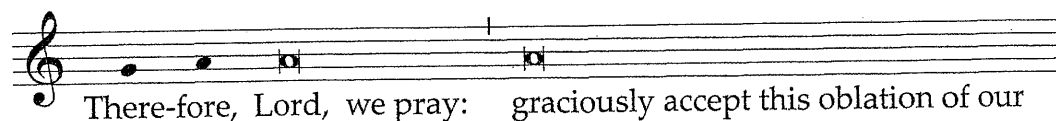
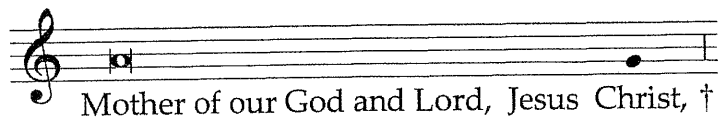
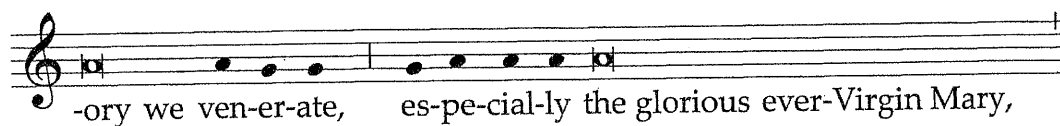
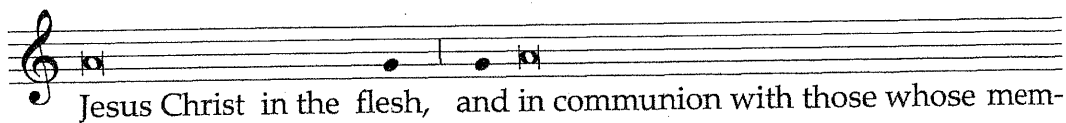
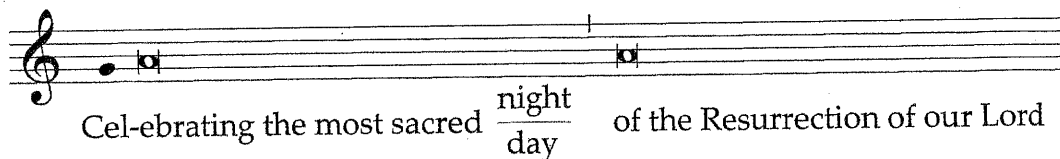


He bows slightly.

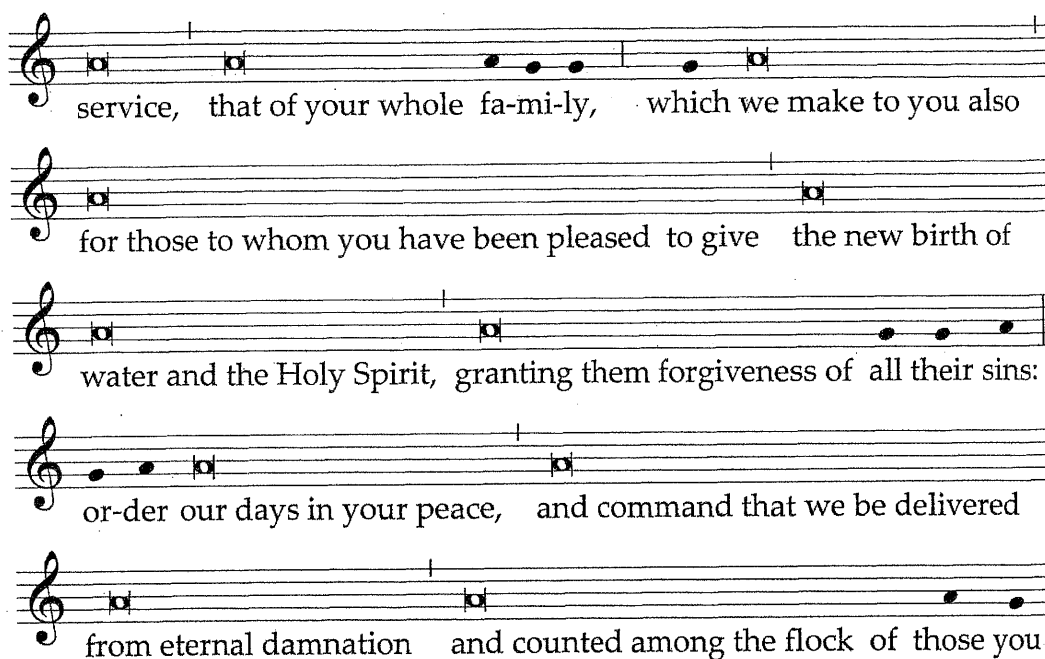


He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

From the Mass of the Paschal Vigil until the Second Sunday of Easter

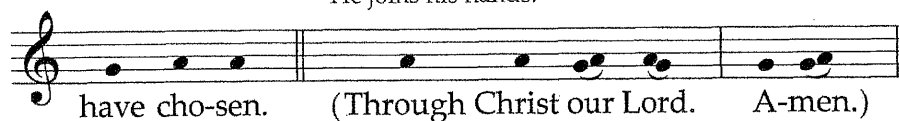






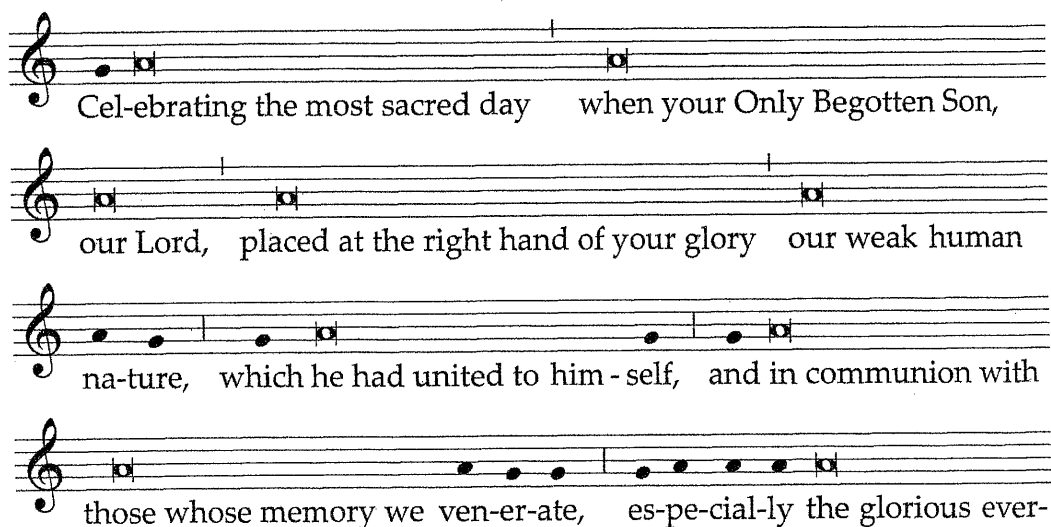
service, that of your whole fa-mi-ly, which we make to you also  
 for those to whom you have been pleased to give the new birth of  
 water and the Holy Spirit, granting them forgiveness of all their sins:  
 or-der our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered  
 from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you

He joins his hands.

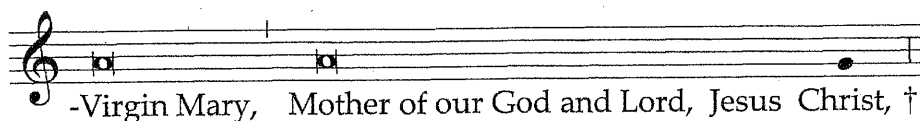


have cho-sen. (Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

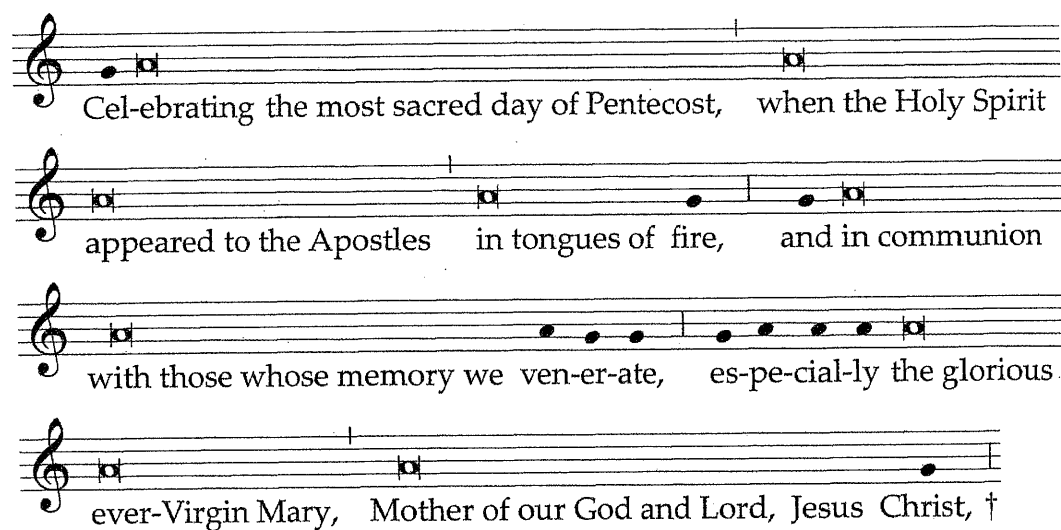
On the Ascension of the Lord



Cel-ebrating the most sacred day when your Only Begotten Son,  
 our Lord, placed at the right hand of your glory our weak human  
 na-ture, which he had united to him-self, and in communion with  
 those whose memory we ven-er-ate, es-pe-cial-ly the glorious ever-



## On Pentecost Sunday

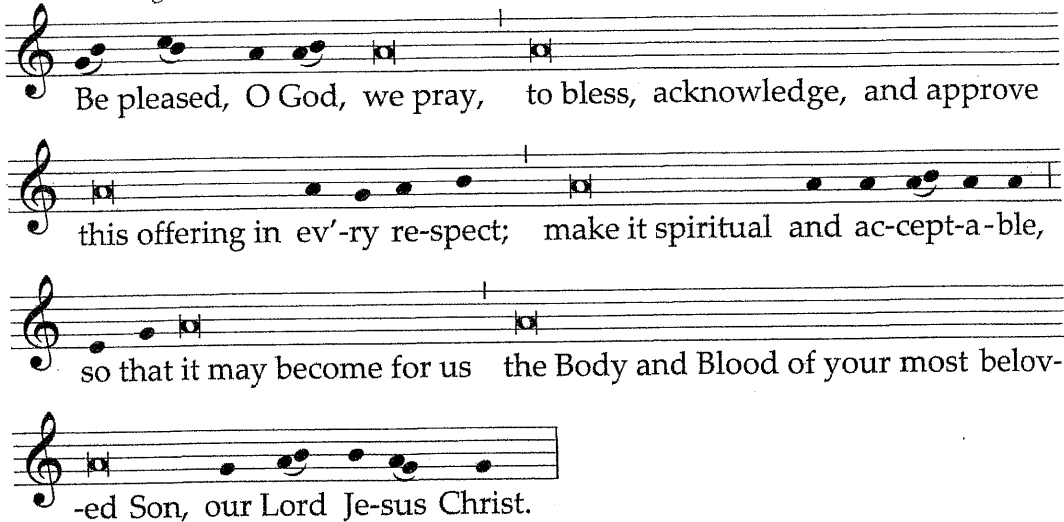


# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

## or THE ROMAN CANON

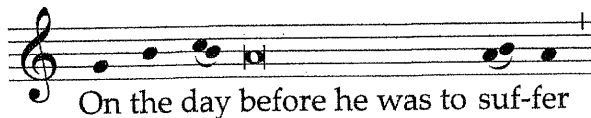
(Solemn tone)

Holding his hands extended over the offerings, he sings:



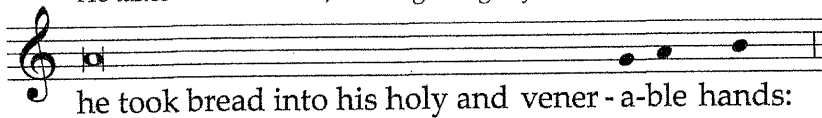
Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve  
this offering in ev'-ry re-spect; make it spiritual and ac-cept-a-ble,  
so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most belov-  
-ed Son, our Lord Je-sus Christ.

He joins his hands.



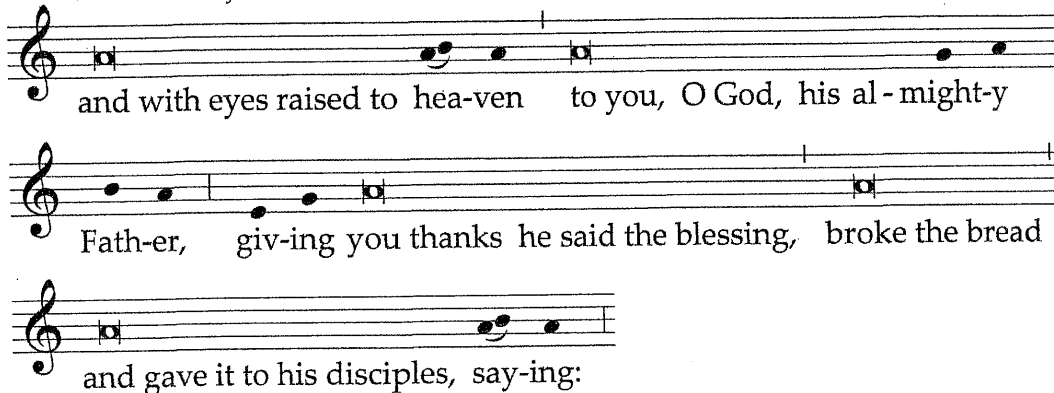
On the day before he was to suf-fer

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:



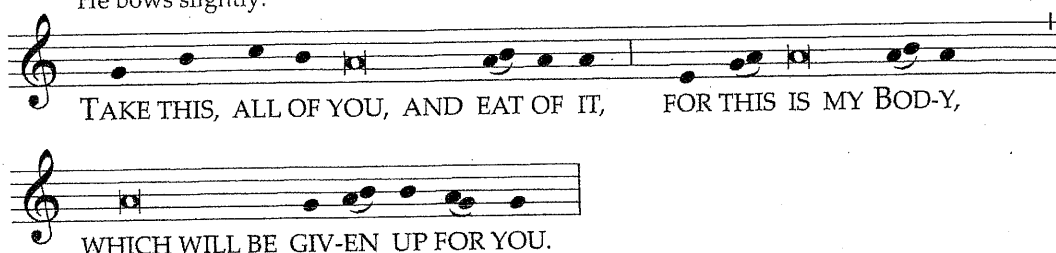
he took bread into his holy and vener-a-ble hands:

He raises his eyes.



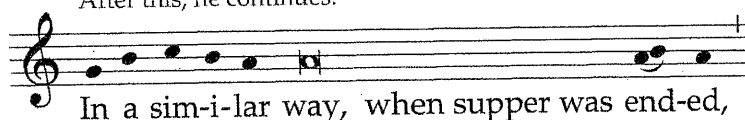
and with eyes raised to hea-ven to you, O God, his al-might-y  
Fath-er, giv-ing you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, say-ing:

He bows slightly.

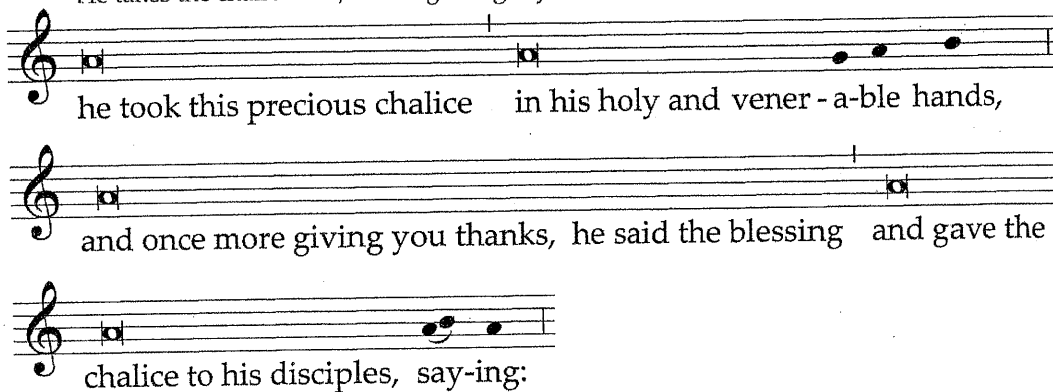


He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it back on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

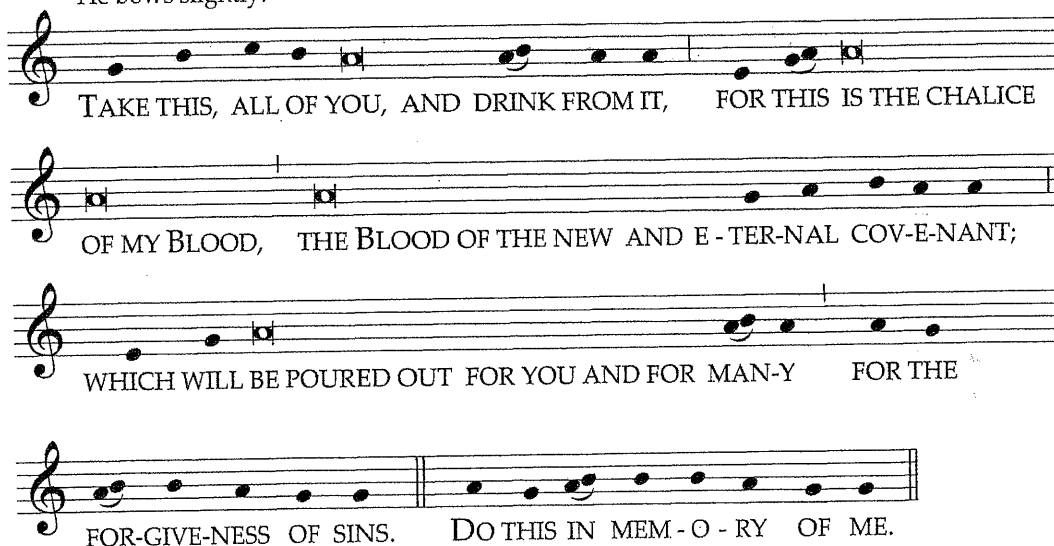
After this, he continues:



He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

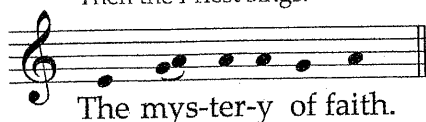


He bows slightly.



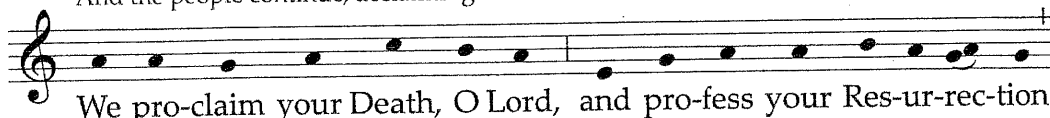
The Priest shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the Priest sings:

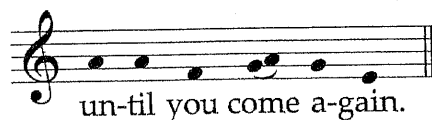


The mys-ter-y of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:

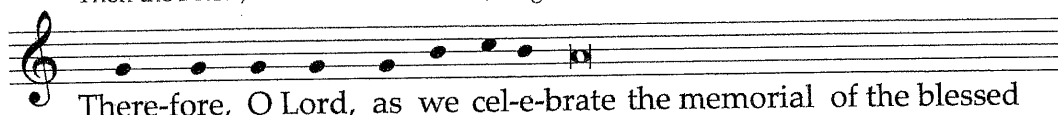


We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion

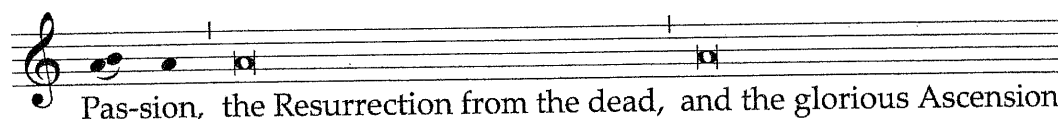


un-til you come a-gain.

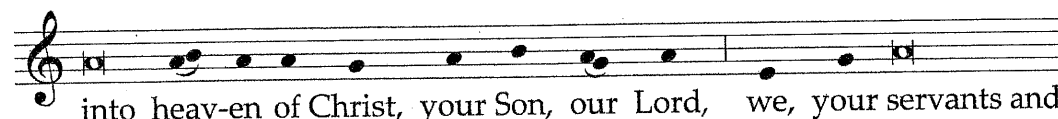
Then the Priest, with hands extended, sings:



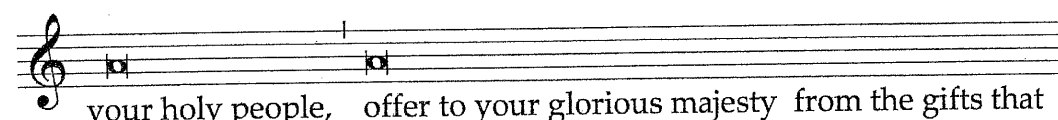
There-fore, O Lord, as we cel-e-brate the memorial of the blessed



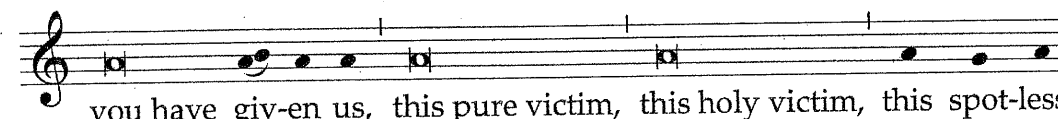
Pas-sion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension



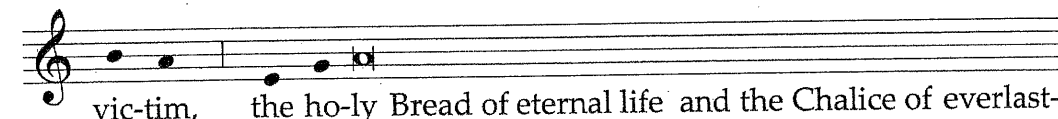
into heav-en of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and



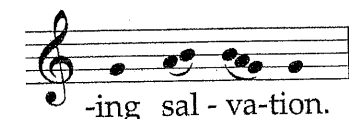
your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that



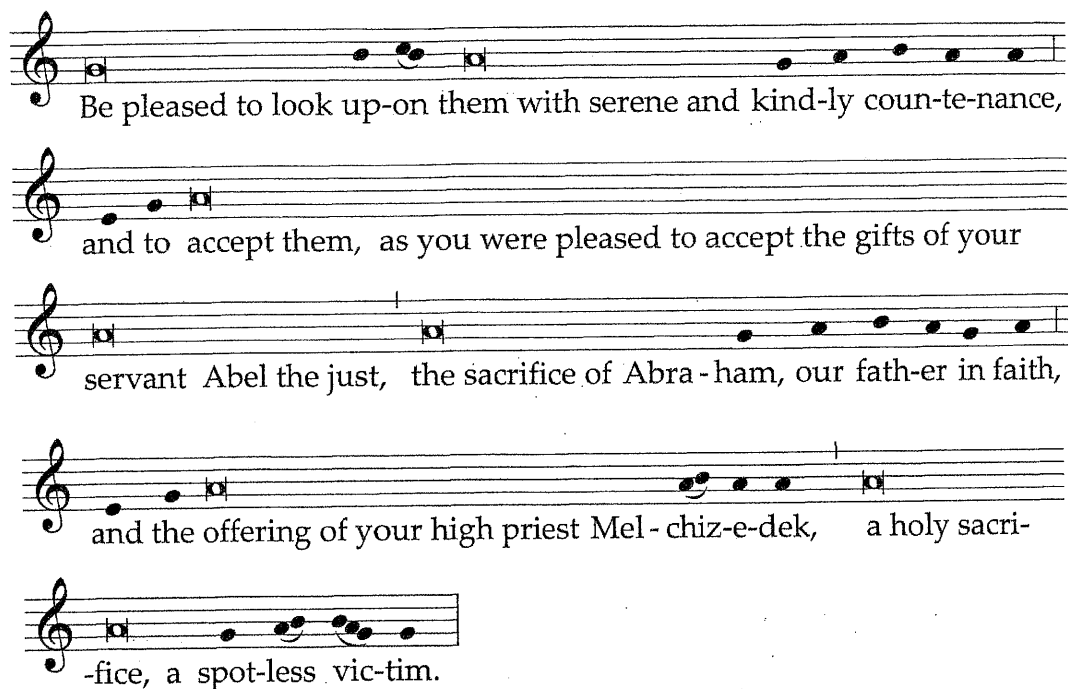
you have giv-en us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spot-less



vic-tim, the ho-ly Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlast-

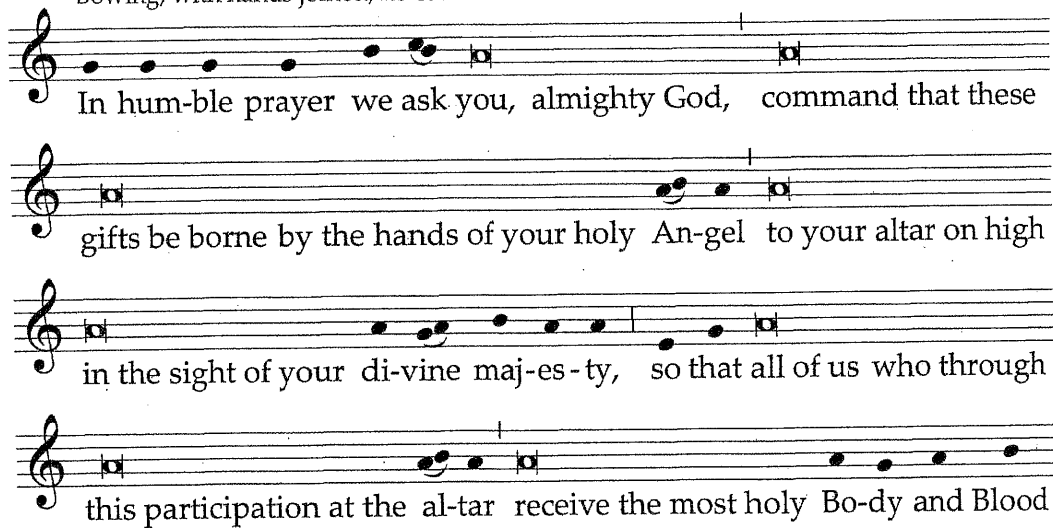


-ing sal - va-tion.



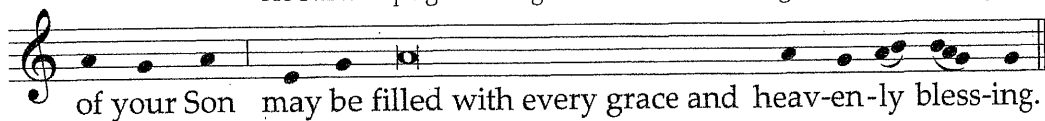
Be pleased to look up-on them with serene and kind-ly coun-te-nance,  
 and to accept them, as you were pleased to accept the gifts of your  
 servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abra-ham, our fath-er in faith,  
 and the offering of your high priest Mel-chiz-e-dek, a holy sacri-  
 -fice, a spot-less vic-tim.

Bowing, with hands joined, he continues:



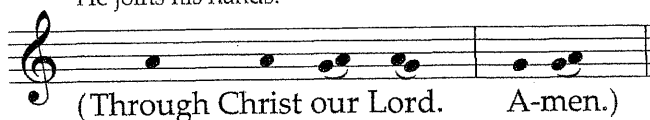
In hum-ble prayer we ask you, almighty God, command that these  
 gifts be borne by the hands of your holy An-gel to your altar on high  
 in the sight of your di-vine maj-es-ty, so that all of us who through  
 this participation at the al-tar receive the most holy Bo-dy and Blood

He stands upright and signs himself with the Sign of the Cross, singing:



of your Son may be filled with every grace and heav-en-ly bless-ing.

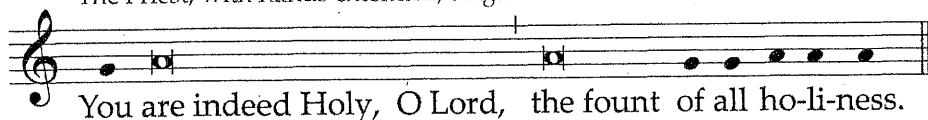
He joins his hands.



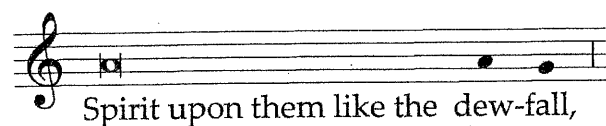
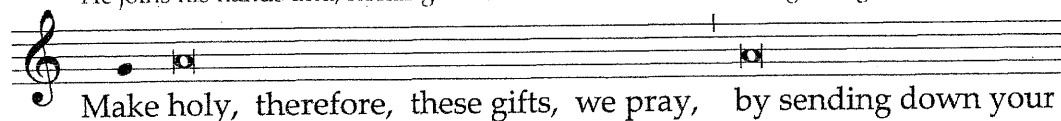
(Through Christ our Lord. A-men.)

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

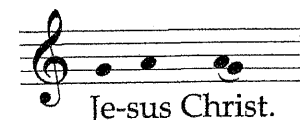
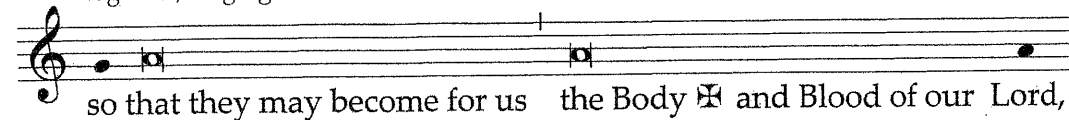
The Priest, with hands extended, sings:



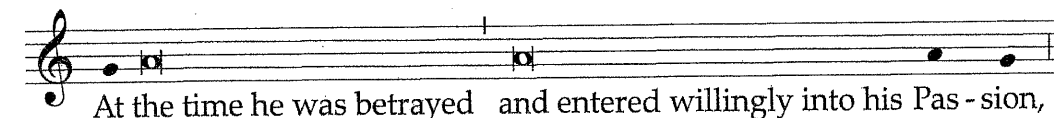
He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, sings:



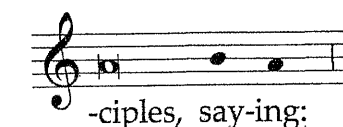
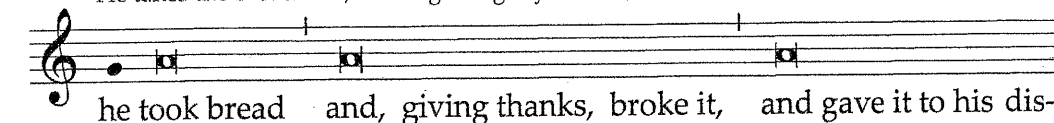
He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and the chalice together, singing:



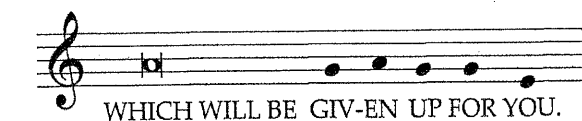
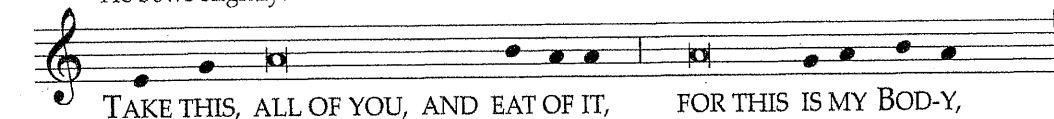
He joins his hands.



He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

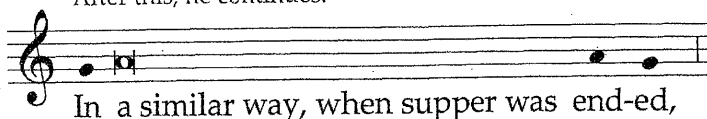


He bows slightly.



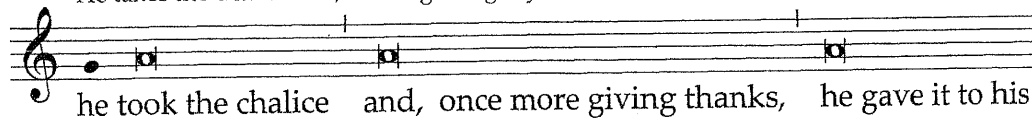
He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues:

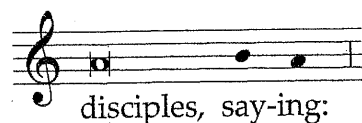


In a similar way, when supper was end-ed,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

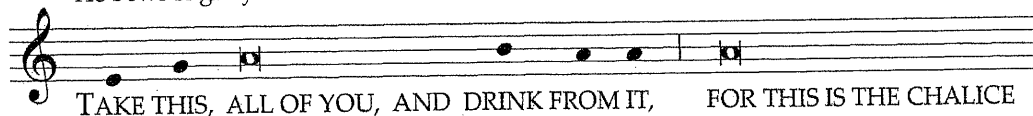


he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his

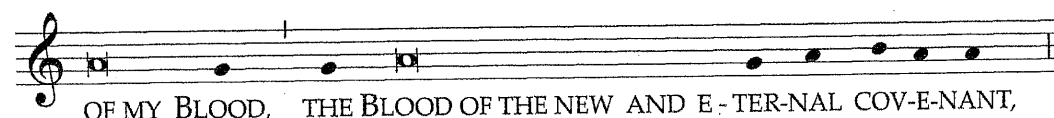


disciples, say-ing:

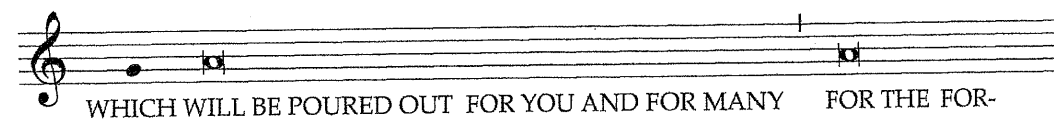
He bows slightly.



TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE



OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND E-TER-NAL COV-E-NANT,



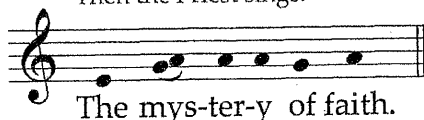
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FOR-



-GIVE-NESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEM-O-RY OF ME.

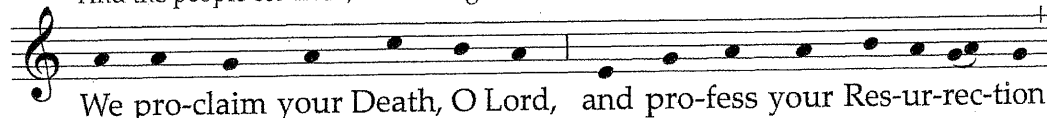
He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the Priest sings:

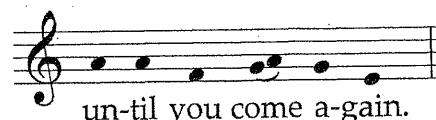


The mys-ter-y of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:



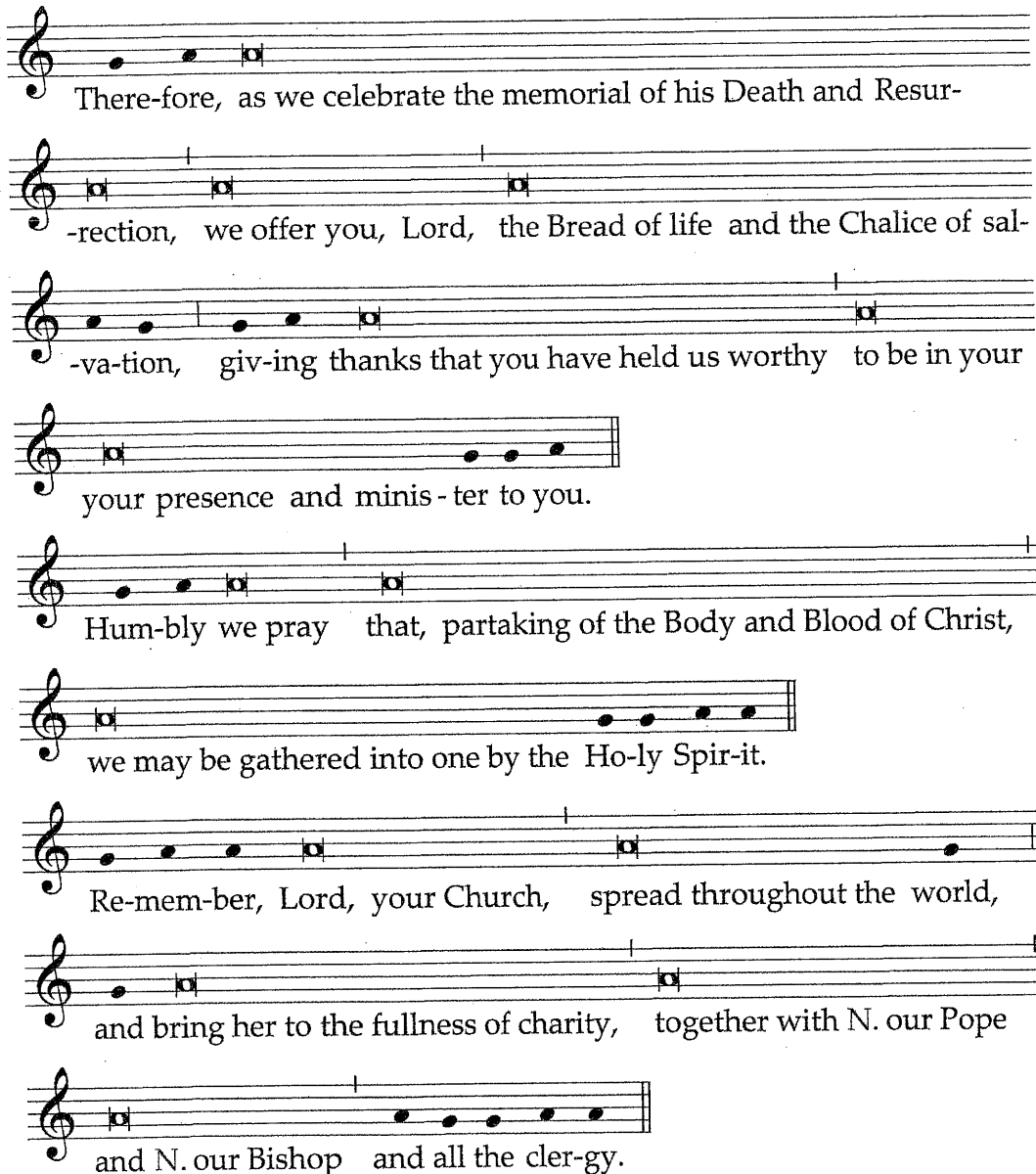
We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion



un-til you come a-gain.

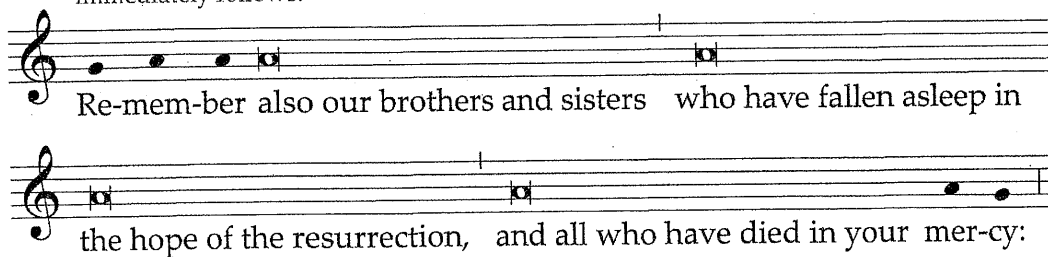


Then the Priest, with hands extended, sings:

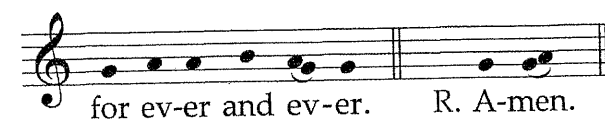
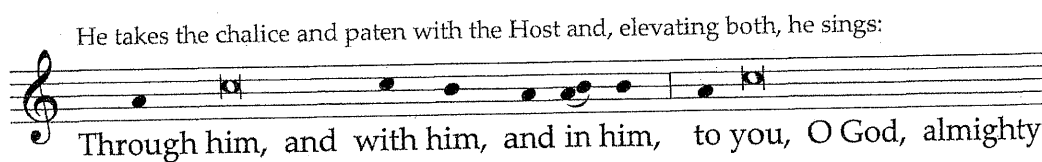
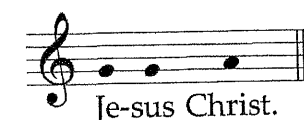
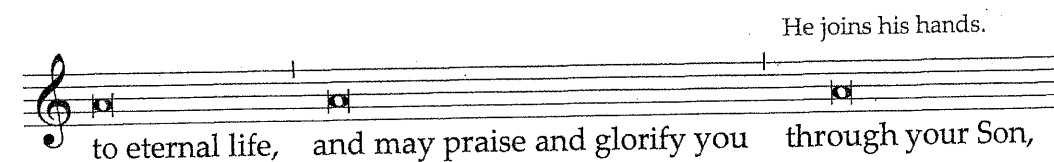
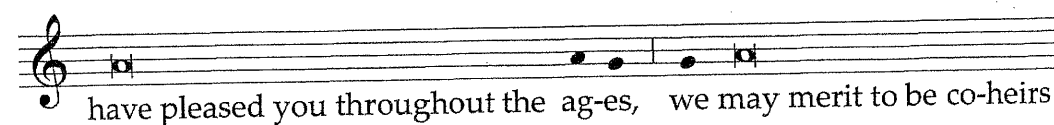
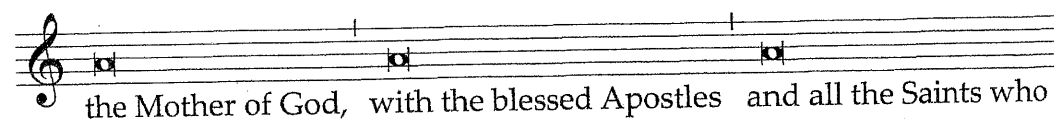
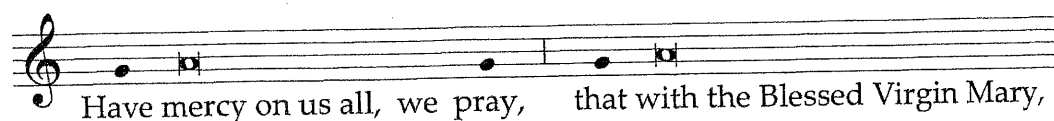
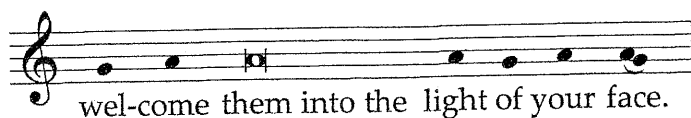


There-fore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resur-  
 -rection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of sal-  
 -va-tion, giv-ing thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your  
 your presence and minis-ter to you.  
 Hum-bly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,  
 we may be gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir-it.  
 Re-mem-ber, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world,  
 and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope  
 and N. our Bishop and all the cler-gy.

In Masses for the Dead, the proper form of the remembrance of the dead (Remember your servant N.) is sung (p. 000); and, after it has been sung, the prayer Have mercy on us all immediately follows.



Re-mem-ber also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in  
 the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mer-cy:



Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.

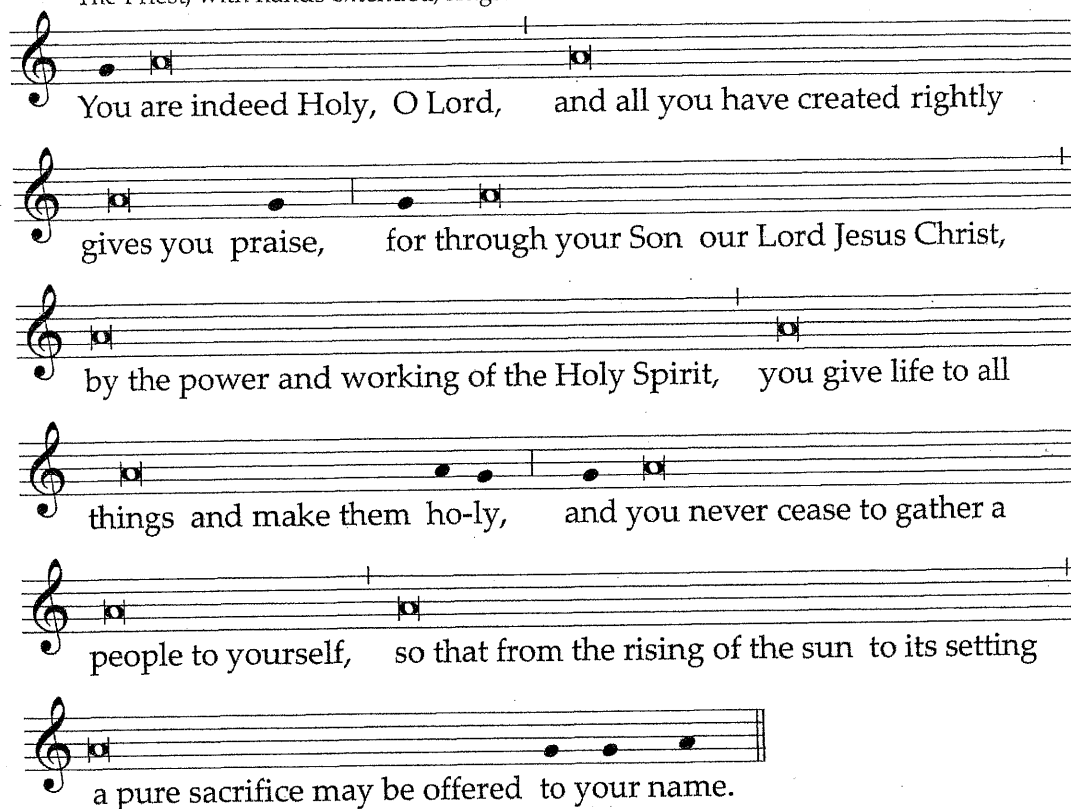
In Masses for the Dead, the following may be sung:

Re-mem-ber your servant N., whom you have called (today) from  
this world to your - self. Grant that <sup>he</sup><sub>she</sub> who was united with  
your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his  
Res-ur-rec-tion.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff contains a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a half note on C5, and a whole note on D5. The second staff contains a half note on E5, a quarter note on F5, a quarter note on G5, a half note on A5, and a whole note on B5. The third staff contains a half note on C6, a quarter note on D6, a quarter note on E6, a half note on F6, and a whole note on G6. The fourth staff contains a half note on A6, a quarter note on B6, a quarter note on C7, a half note on D7, and a whole note on E7. The lyrics are written below the notes, with the name 'N.' in the first line, 'he' and 'she' in the second line, and 'Res-ur-rec-tion.' in the fourth line.

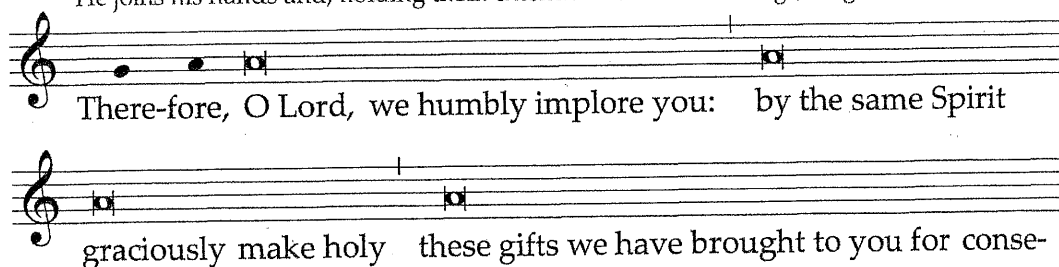
## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

The Priest, with hands extended, sings:



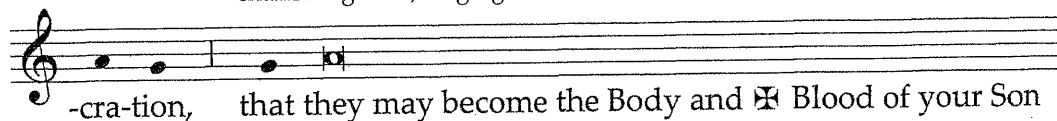
You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly  
gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all  
things and make them ho-ly, and you never cease to gather a  
people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, sings:



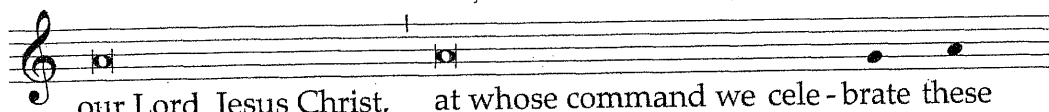
There-fore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit  
graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for conse-

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, singing:

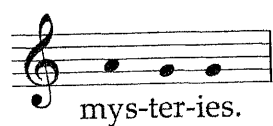


-cra-tion, that they may become the Body and ☩ Blood of your Son

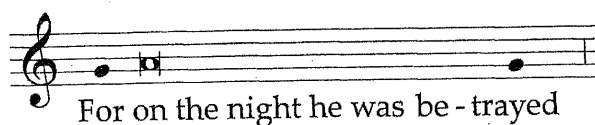
He joins his hands.



our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we cele-brate these

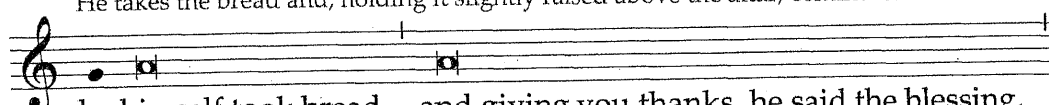


mys-ter-ies.

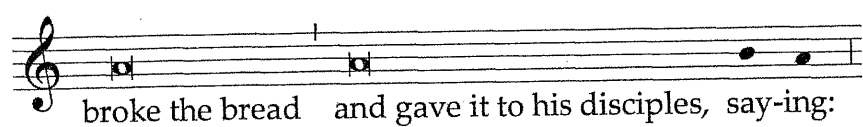


For on the night he was be-trayed

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

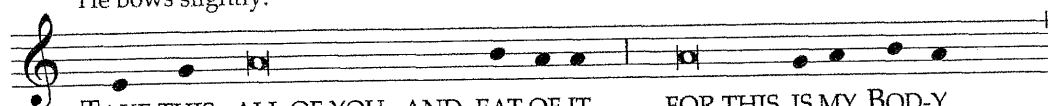


he himself took bread, and giving you thanks he said the blessing,

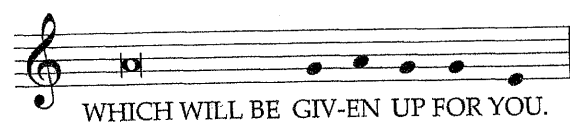


broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, say-ing:

He bows slightly.



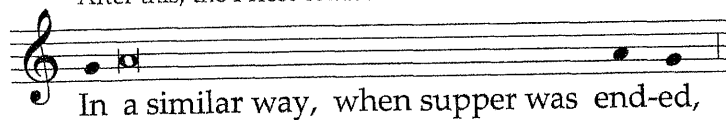
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BOD-Y,



WHICH WILL BE GIV-EN UP FOR YOU.

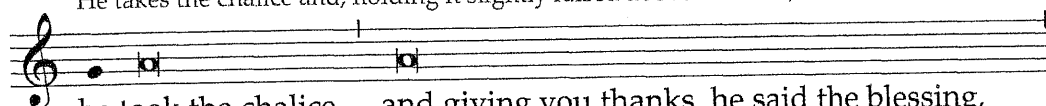
He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, the Priest continues:

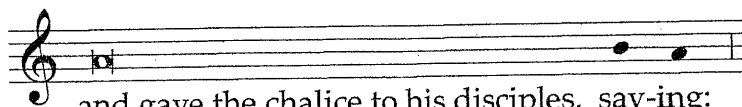


In a similar way, when supper was end-ed,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

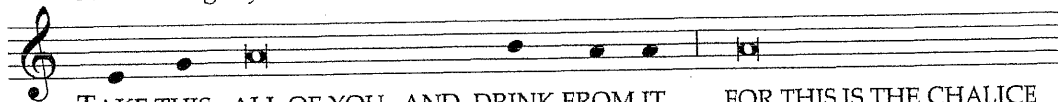


he took the chalice, and giving you thanks he said the blessing,

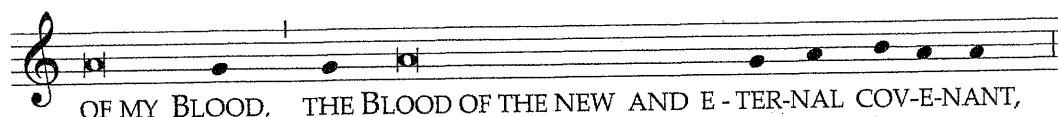


and gave the chalice to his disciples, say-ing:

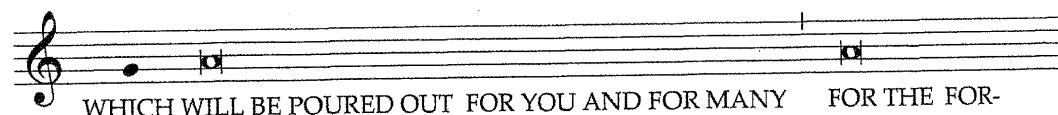
He bows slightly.



TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE



OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND E - TER-NAL COV-E-NANT,



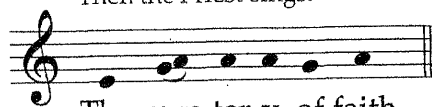
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FOR-



-GIVE-NESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEM-O-RY OF ME.

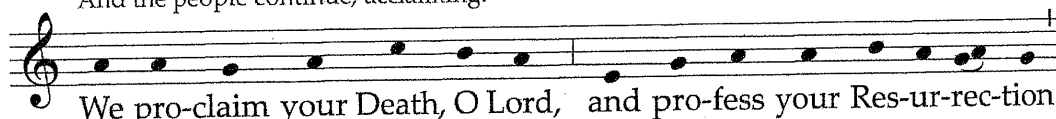
The Priest shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the Priest sings:

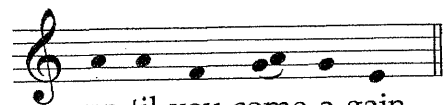


The mys-ter-y of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:

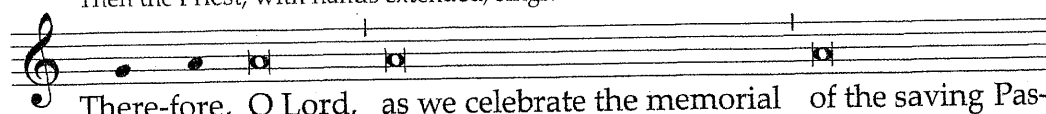


We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion

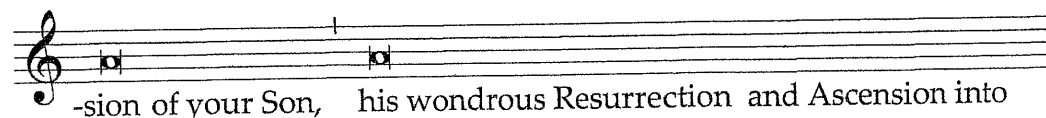


un-til you come a-gain.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, sings:



There-fore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Pas-



-sion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into



heaven, and as we look forward to his second com-ing, we offer  
you in thanksgiving this holy and liv-ing sac-ri-fice.  
Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing  
the sacrificial Victim by whose Death you willed to reconcile us  
to your-self, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and  
Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one  
body, one spir-it in Christ.  
May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain  
an inheritance with your e-lect, es-pe-cial-ly with the most blessed  
Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glori-  
ous Martyrs (with Saint N.)\* and with all the Saints, on whose con-

-stant intercession in your presence we rely for un-fail-ing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance

the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in

faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant N.

our Pope and N. our Bishop,\* the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,

and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Lis-ten graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have sum-

-moned be-fore you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather

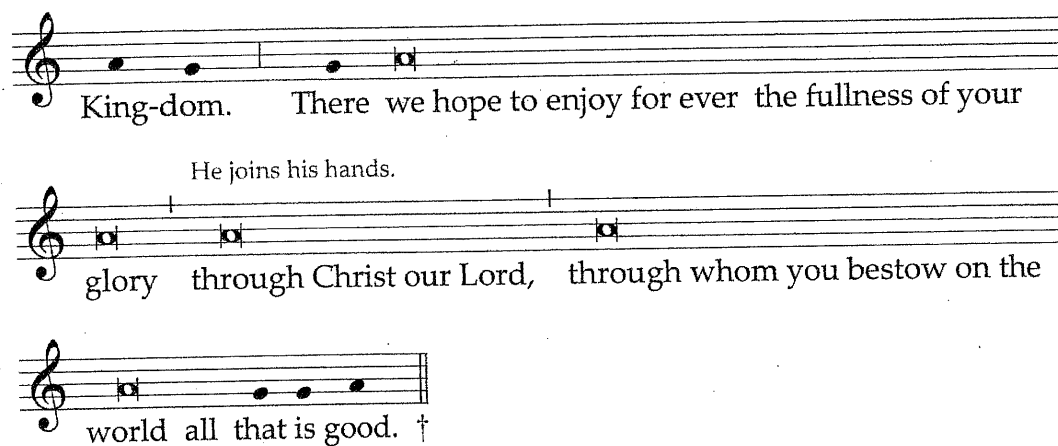
to yourself all your children scattered through-out the earth.

In Masses for the Dead, the proper form of the remembrance of the dead (Remember your servant N.) is said (pp. 000-000); and, after it has been said, the doxology (Through him) immediately follows.

† To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing

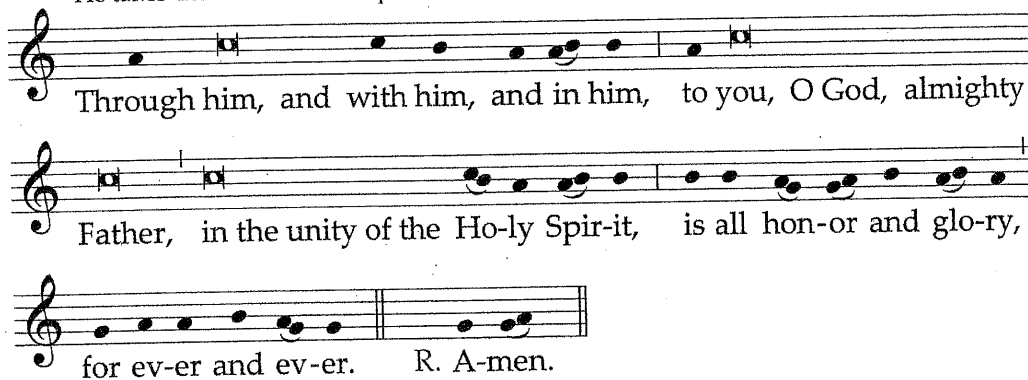
to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your





King-dom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your  
 He joins his hands.  
 glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the  
 world all that is good. †

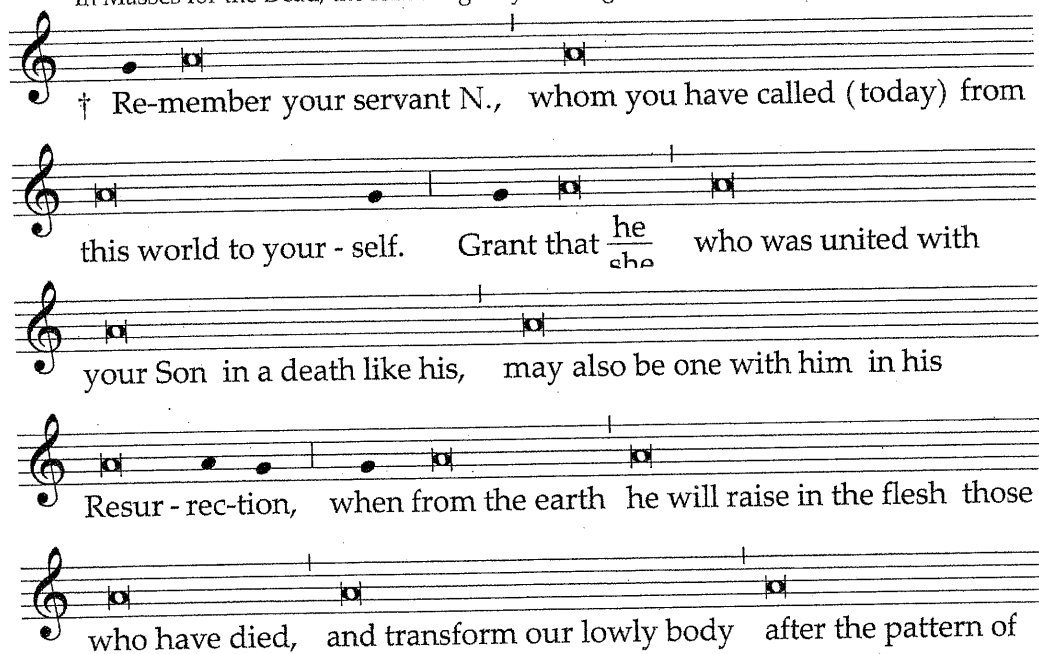
He takes the chalice and the paten with the Host and, elevating both, he sings:



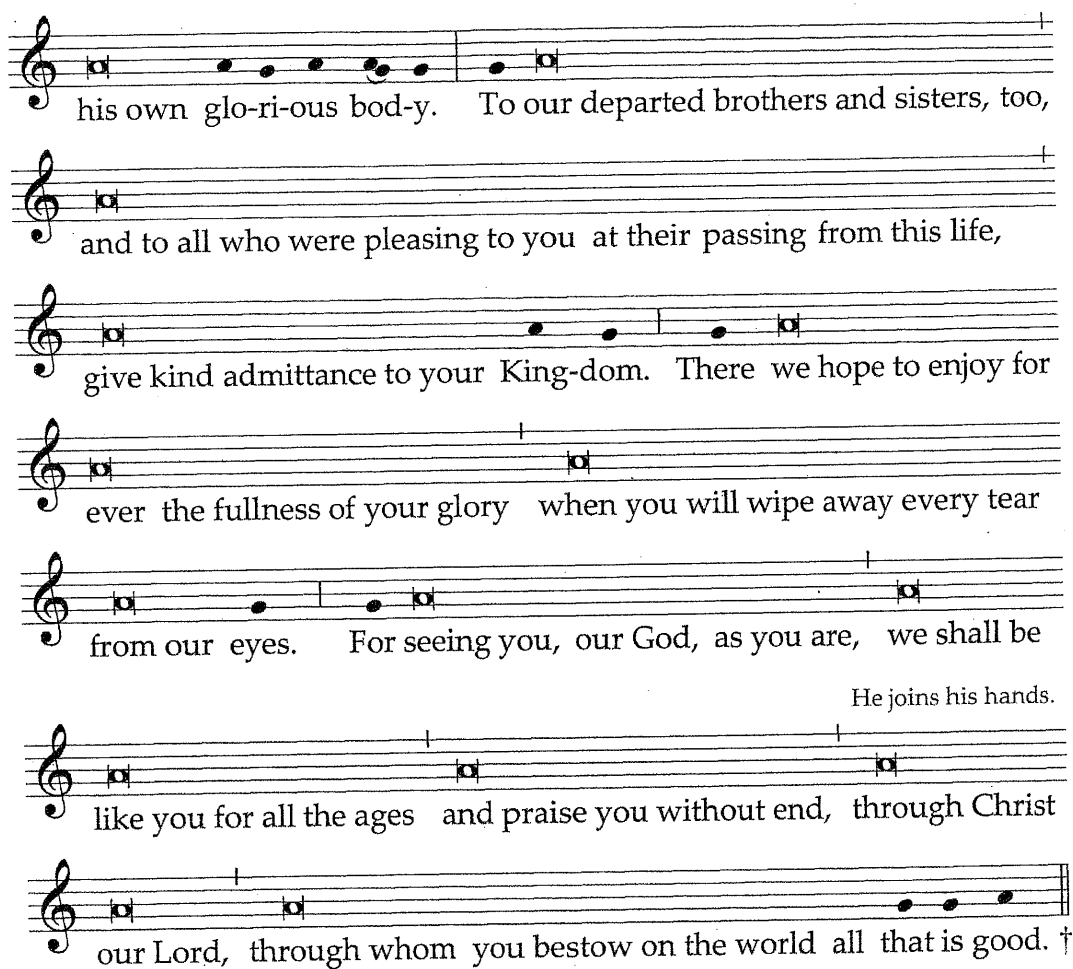
Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty  
 Father, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it, is all hon-or and glo-ry,  
 for ev-er and ev-er. R. A-men.

Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.

In Masses for the Dead, the following may be sung:



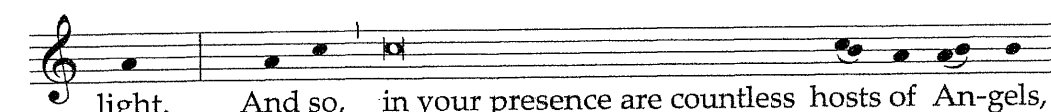
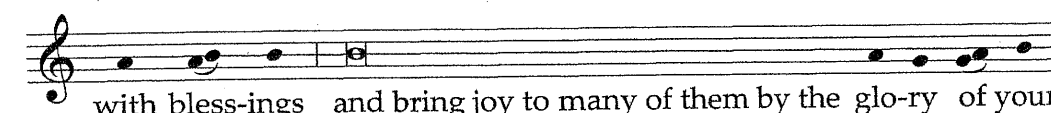
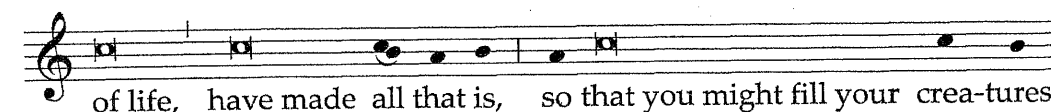
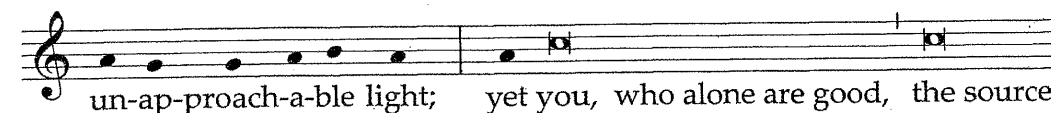
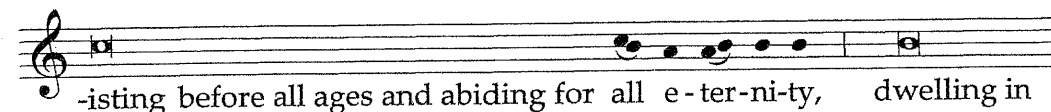
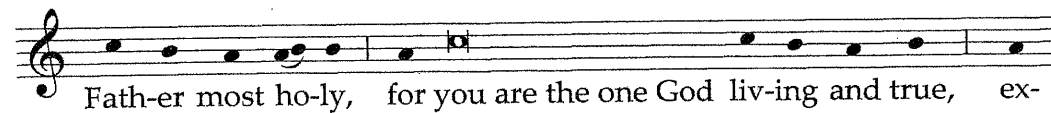
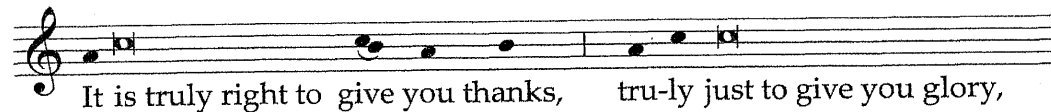
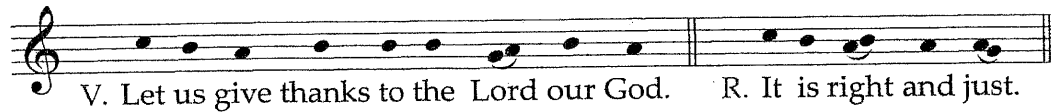
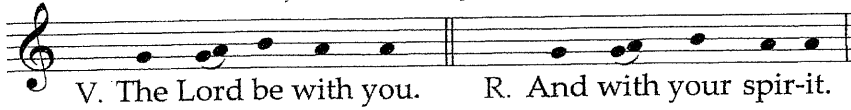
† Re-member your servant N., whom you have called (today) from  
 this world to your - self. Grant that <sup>he</sup><sub>she</sub> who was united with  
 your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his  
 Resur-rec-tion, when from the earth he will raise in the flesh those  
 who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of

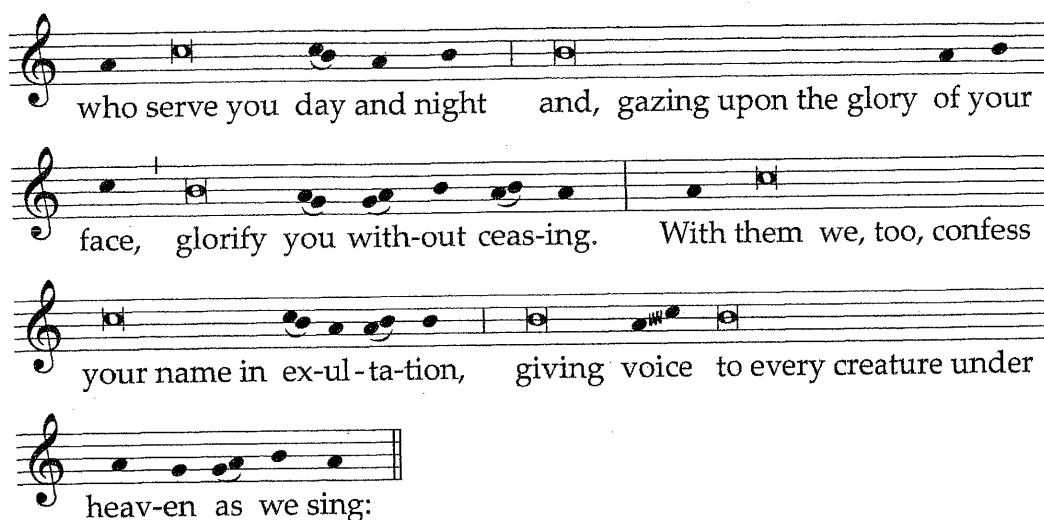


his own glo-ri-ous bod-y. To our departed brothers and sisters, too,  
and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your King-dom. There we hope to enjoy for  
ever the fullness of your glory when you will wipe away every tear  
from our eyes. For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be  
He joins his hands.  
like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ  
our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good. †

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

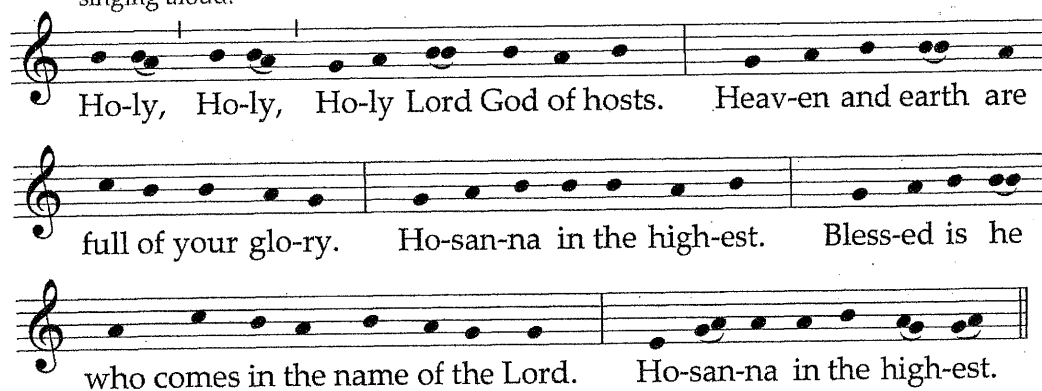
It is not permissible to change the Preface of this Eucharistic Prayer because of the structure of the Prayer itself, which presents a summary of salvation history.





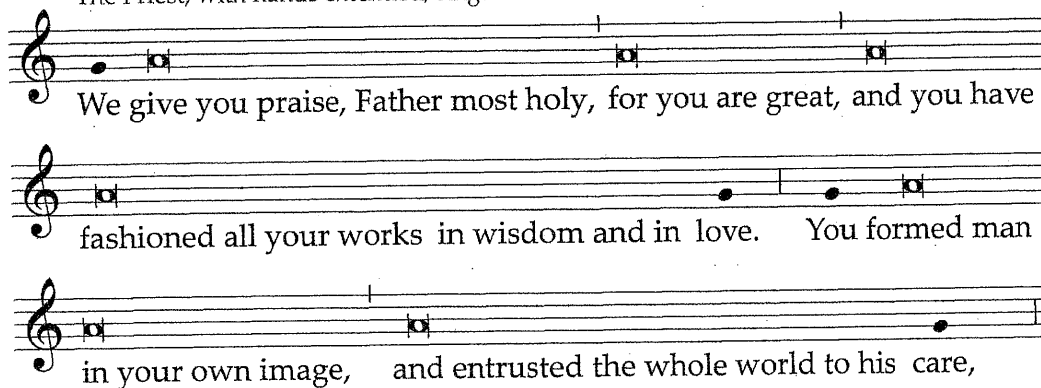
who serve you day and night and, gazing upon the glory of your  
face, glorify you with-out ceas-ing. With them we, too, confess  
your name in ex-ul-ta-tion, giving voice to every creature under  
heav-en as we sing:

At the end of the Preface he joins his hands and concludes the Preface with the people,  
singing aloud:

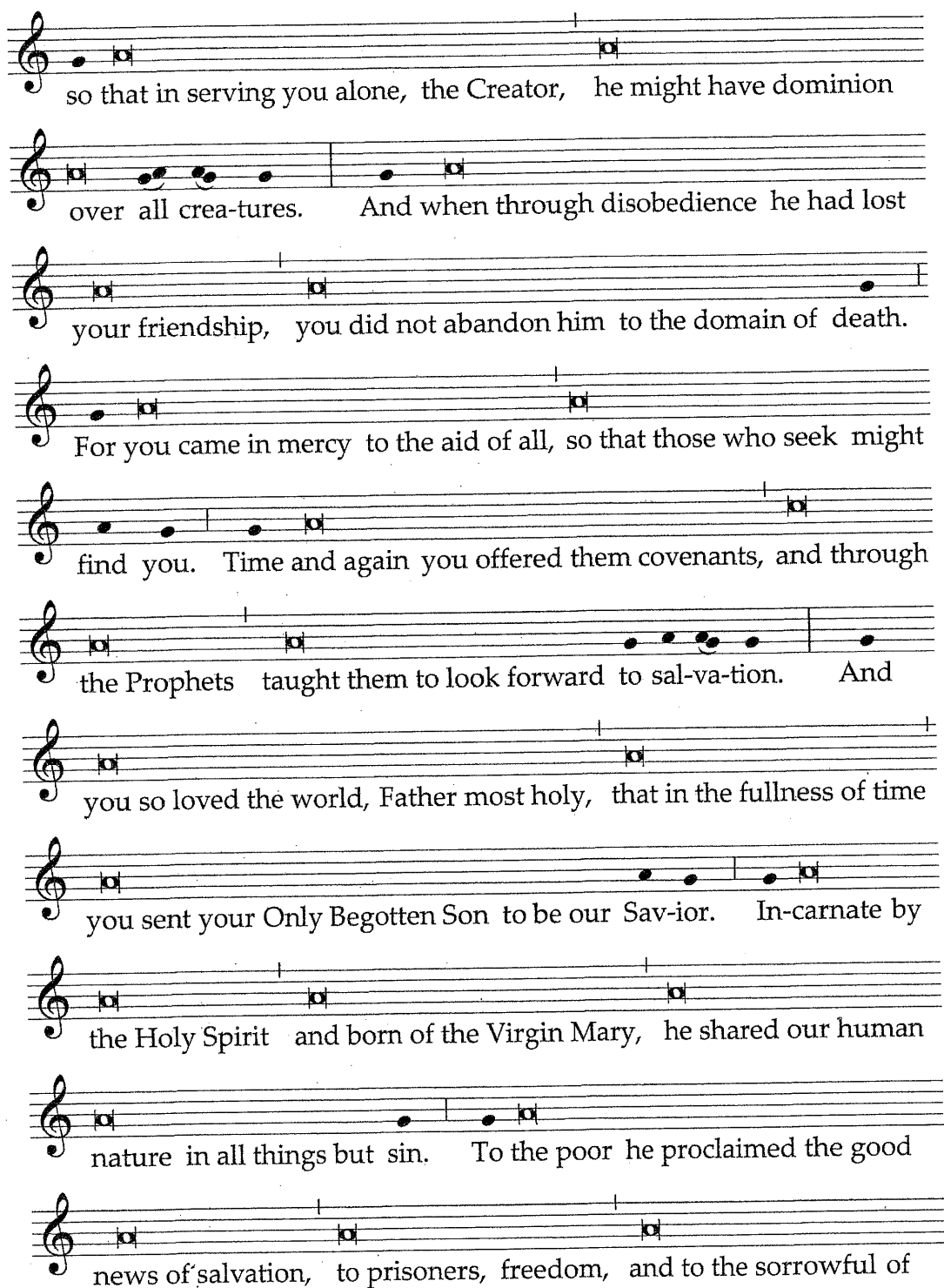


Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

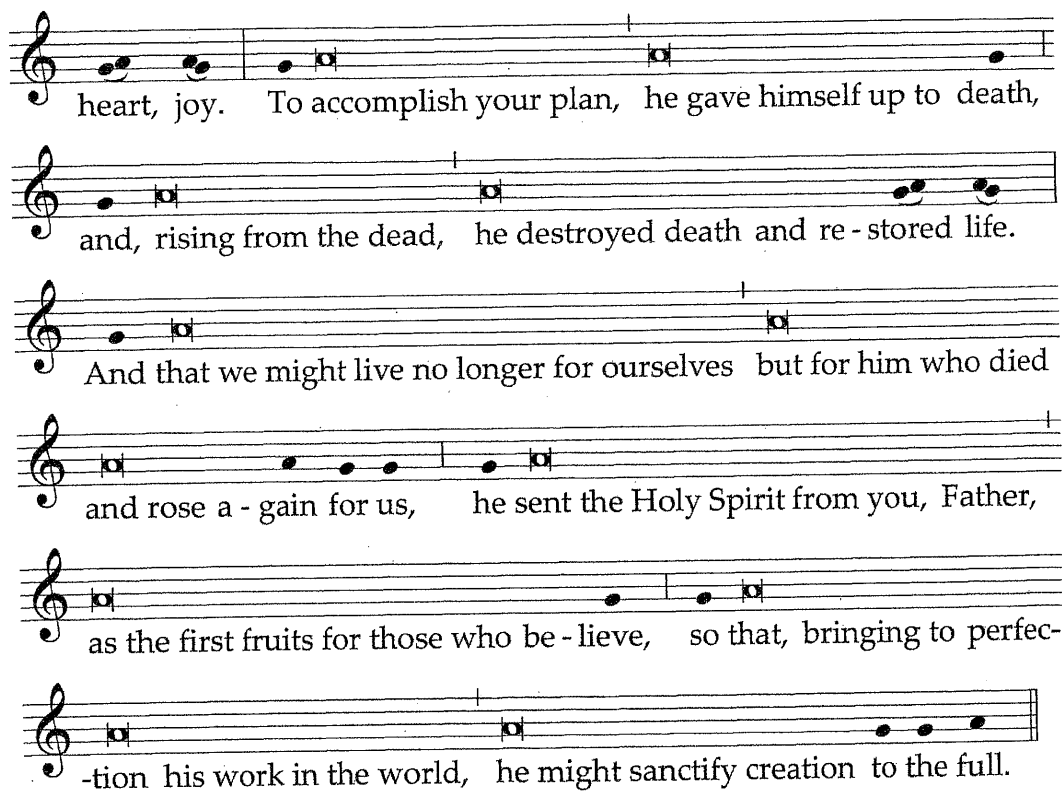
The Priest, with hands extended, sings:



We give you praise, Father most holy, for you are great, and you have  
fashioned all your works in wisdom and in love. You formed man  
in your own image, and entrusted the whole world to his care,

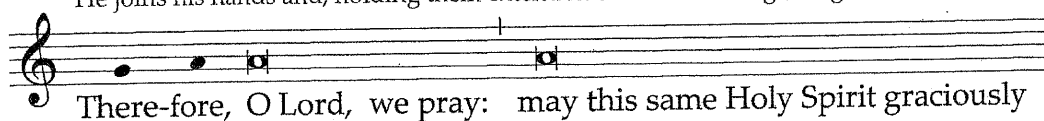


so that in serving you alone, the Creator, he might have dominion  
over all crea-tures. And when through disobedience he had lost  
your friendship, you did not abandon him to the domain of death.  
For you came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might  
find you. Time and again you offered them covenants, and through  
the Prophets taught them to look forward to sal-va-tion. And  
you so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time  
you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Sav-ior. In-carnate by  
the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human  
nature in all things but sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good  
news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to the sorrowful of



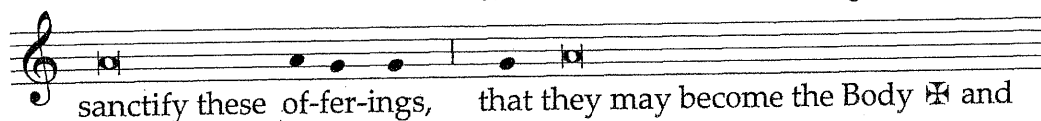
heart, joy. To accomplish your plan, he gave himself up to death,  
and, rising from the dead, he destroyed death and re-stored life.  
And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died  
and rose a - gain for us, he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father,  
as the first fruits for those who be - lieve, so that, bringing to perfec-  
-tion his work in the world, he might sanctify creation to the full.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, sings:



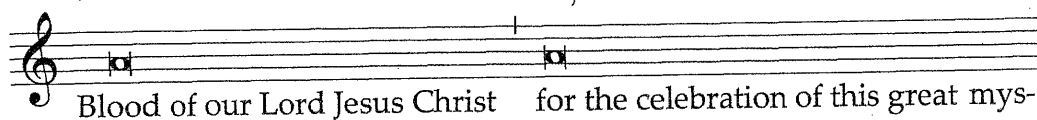
There-fore, O Lord, we pray: may this same Holy Spirit graciously

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross  
once over the bread and chalice together, singing:

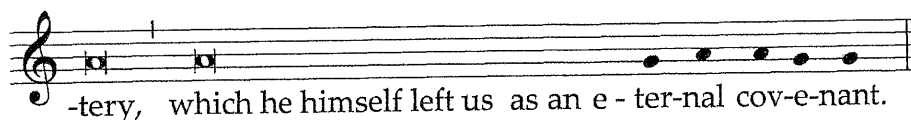


sanctify these of-fer-ings, that they may become the Body and

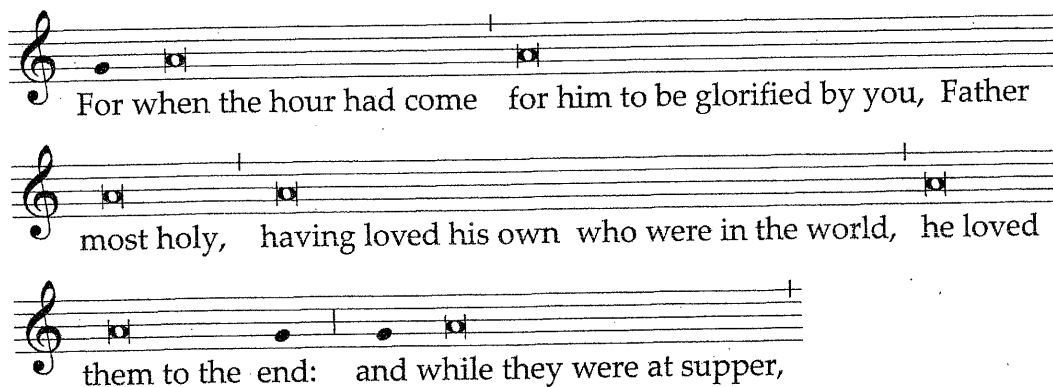
He joins his hands.



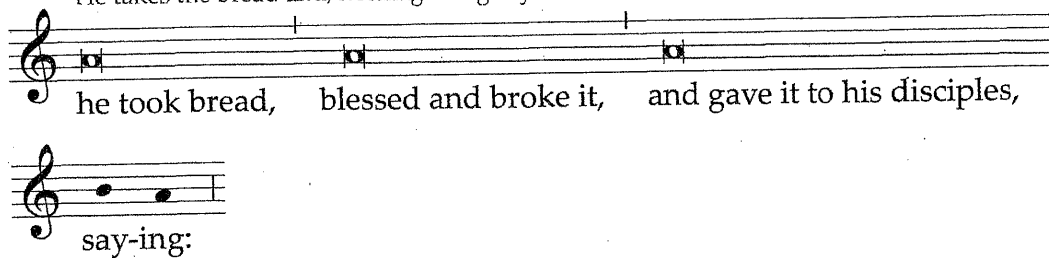
Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the celebration of this great mys-



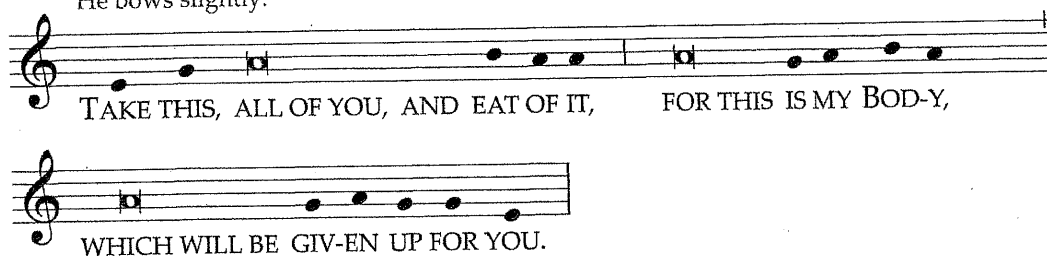
-tery, which he himself left us as an e - ter-nal cov-e-nant.



He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

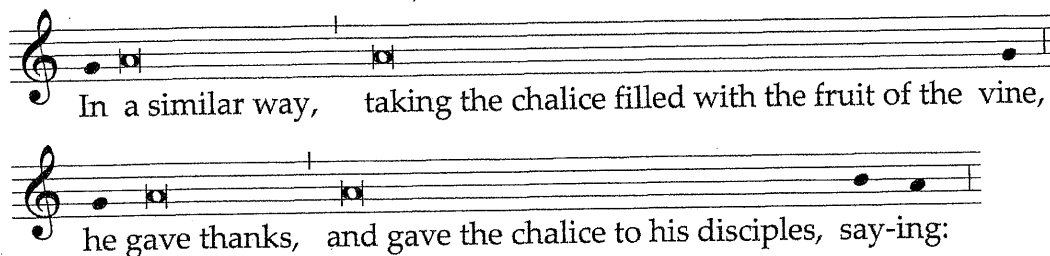


He bows slightly.

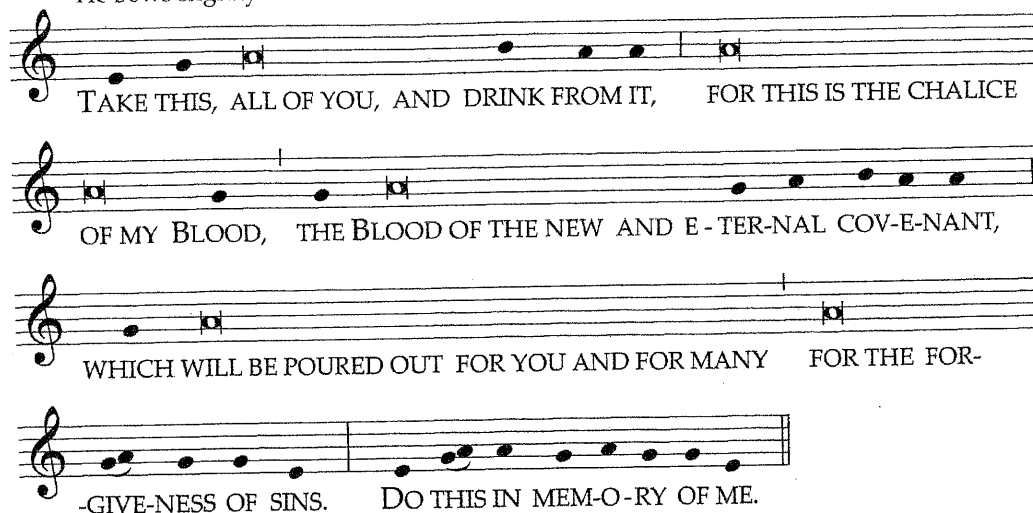


He shows the consecrated Host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues: He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:



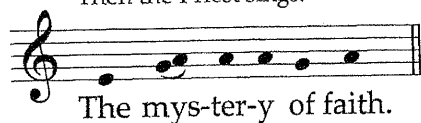
He bows slightly.



TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE  
OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND E - TER-NAL COV-E-NANT,  
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FOR-  
-GIVE-NESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEM-O-RY OF ME.

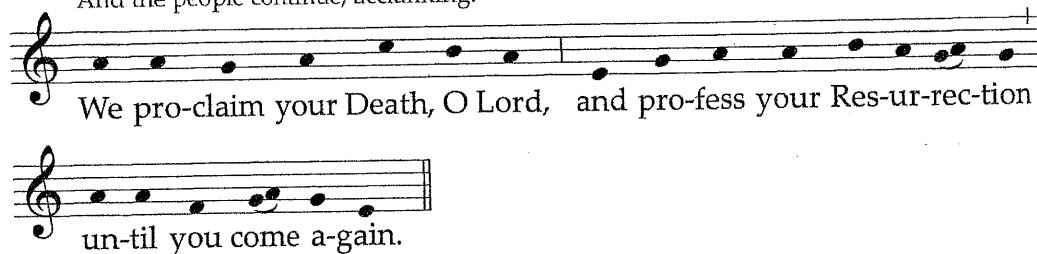
He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then the Priest sings:



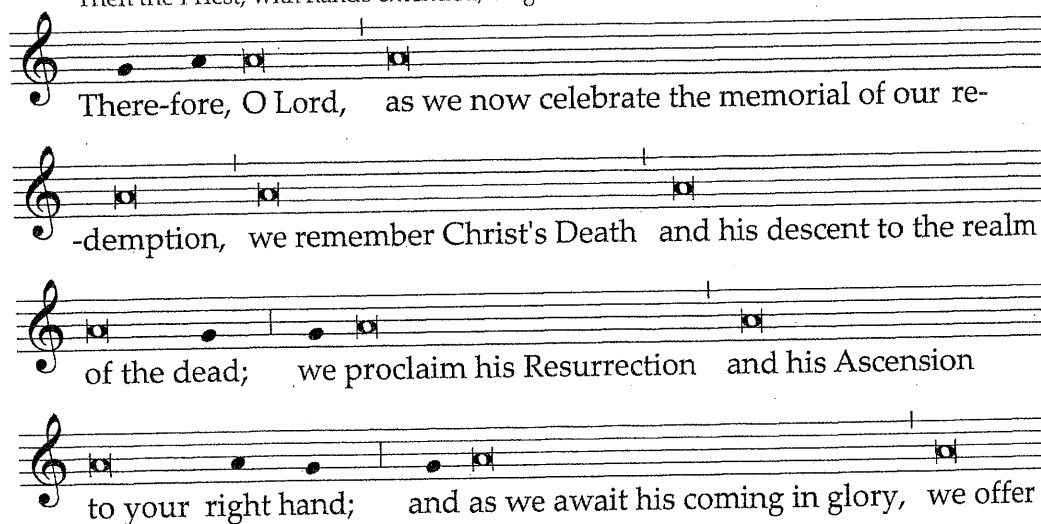
The mys-ter-y of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion  
un-til you come a-gain.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, sings:



There-fore, O Lord, as we now celebrate the memorial of our re-  
-demption, we remember Christ's Death and his descent to the realm  
of the dead; we proclaim his Resurrection and his Ascension  
to your right hand; and as we await his coming in glory, we offer



you his Body and Blood, the sacrifice acceptable to you which brings

salvation to the whole world.

Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice which you yourself have provided

for your Church, and grant in your loving kindness to all who par-

-take of this one Bread and one Chal-ice that, gathered into one

body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice

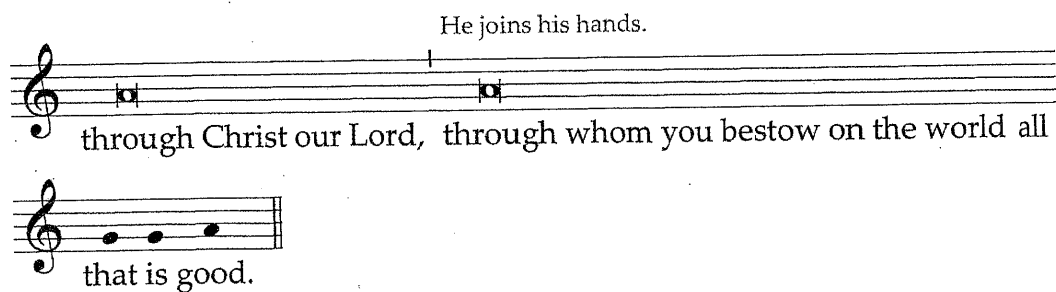
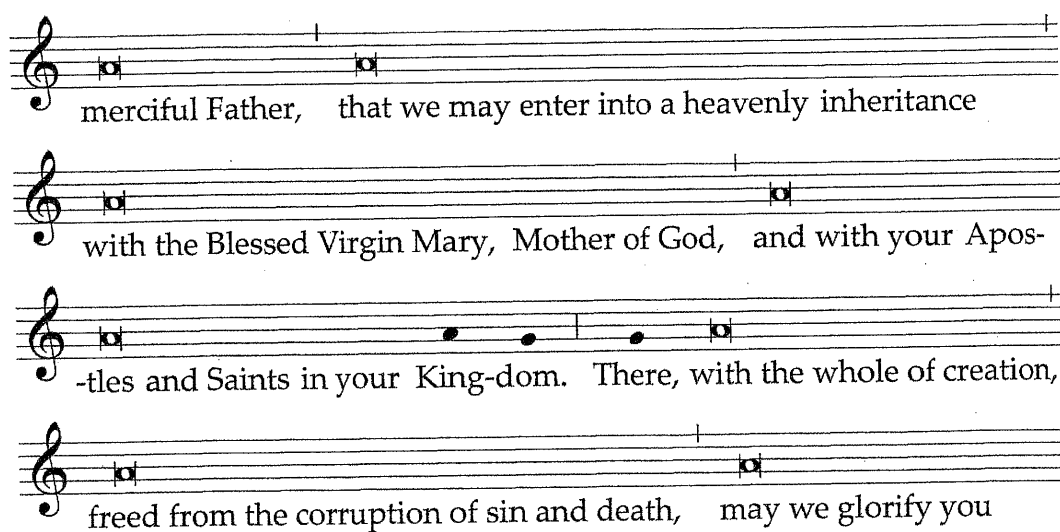
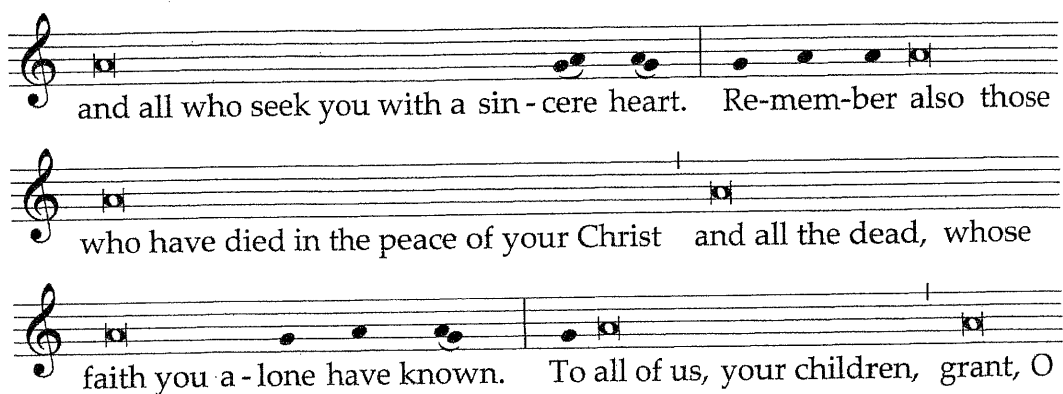
in Christ to the praise of your glo-ry.

There-fore, Lord, remember now all for whom we make this

of-fer-ing: es-pe-cial-ly your servant, N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,

and the whole Order of Bish-ops, all the clergy, those who make

this offering, those gathered here before you, your entire people,



Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty  
Father, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it, is all hon-or and glo-ry,  
for ev-er and ev-er. R. A-men.

Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 000.